

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN WAYNE STAHL**, on March 8, 2005 at 3:20 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mark E. Noennig, Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Emelie Eaton (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Branch
Kyanne Kelly, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 195, 3/3/2005; SB 129, 3/3/2005;
SB 40, 3/3/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. MIKE WHEAT (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on **SB 195**, Quality growth act.

00:02:27

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:15 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

EXHIBIT(loh51a01)

00:18:51 Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County Commission

00:20:47 Jan Hoem, Self from Missoula

EXHIBIT(loh51a02)

00:22:04 Harold Hoem, Self from Missoula

00:24:41 Sharon Hougan, Community Development of Helena

00:27:00 Stacy Rye, Self from Missoula

00:30:03 Judy Smith, Affordable Housing Developer

EXHIBIT(loh51a03)

00:30:35 Harold Stepper, Jefferson County Planner

00:30:55 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

00:31:10 Michelle Rinehart, Northern Plains

00:31:32 Ann Hedges, Environmental Information Center

01:11:12 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE, SD 44, VICTOR**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:25 **REP. DEE BROWN, HD 3, HUNGRY HORSE**

00:32:41 **REP. JON SONJU, HD 7, KALISPELL**

00:33:58 Clayton Floyd, Missoula City Council

00:35:52 Rhoda Cargill, Self from Troy

00:42:07 Don Hiner, Chairman Flathead County Planning Board

00:43:21 Don Nickolson, City Council of Missoula

00:47:11 Russ Crowder, American Dream Montana

00:49:51 John Welkens, Self from Missoula

00:50:55 Jeff Larson, Flathead County Planning Board

00:53:03 Fred Bodholt, Self from Missoula

00:54:16 Franklin Rigler, Self from Gardiner

EXHIBIT(loh51a04)

00:55:31 Rick Breckenridge, Lake County

00:56:48 Kerry Finley, Evergreen

EXHIBIT(loh51a05)

00:58:46 Johna Morrison, Flathead County Planning
Commission
00:59:55 Todd O'Hair, Self from Livingston
01:00:38 Ronalee Skees, Self from Columbia Falls
01:01:02 Glenn Oppel, Association of Realtors
01:01:35 Maurice Eddie, Self from Kalispell
01:01:55 Nancy Schlepp, Farm Bureau
01:02:21 Rosemarie Molson, Self from Evergreen
01:03:15 Jack Fallon, Self from Kalispell

EXHIBIT(loh51a06)

01:04:20 **REP. GEORGE EVERETT, HD 5, KALISPELL**
01:04:41 Dave Skinner, Whitefish
01:06:12 Jim Kembel, Association of Registered Land
Surveyors

EXHIBIT(loh51a07)

01:04:57 Lee Clemmenson, Self from Missoula
01:07:19 Chris Ahner, Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT(loh51a08)

00:57:24 Paul Sopko, Self from Missoula

Informational Testimony:

01:14:30 Dave Cole, Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT(loh51a09)

01:20:18 Harold Blattie, Association of Counties

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:21

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:41

Additional Exhibits (Sent by mail)

EXHIBIT(loh51a10)

REPS. OLSON AND NOENNIG entered the room.

HEARING ON SB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. MIKE WHEAT (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on **SB 129**, State aid for public library districts.

02:08:51

Proponents' Testimony:

02:11:22 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

EXHIBIT(loh51a11)

02:13:13 Bridgett Johnson, Lewistown Public Library

EXHIBIT(loh51a12)

02:14:54 Marilyn Trosper, Polson City Library

EXHIBIT(loh51a13)

02:17:40 Lynnette Smith, Montana Library Association

EXHIBIT(loh51a14)

02:19:07 Harold Blattie, Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:22:06

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:47

HEARING ON HB 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on **HB 40,** Expand coverage of civil and criminal false claims against the state.

02:38:24

Proponents' Testimony:

02:41:39 Harold Blattie, Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:43:41

Closing by Sponsor:

02:54:26

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

REP. MARK E. NOENNIG, Chairman

KYANNE KELLY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([loh51aad0.PDF](#))