

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on March 8, 2007 at 3:04 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Marigail Schreiner, 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: HB 145, HB 290, 2/28/2007
Executive Action: HB 290, HB 145

00:00:02 Opening comments by Chairman Gillan.

HEARING ON HB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:04 **REP. BOB BERGREN (D), HD 33**, opened the hearing on **HB 290**, Loan of equipment to fire agencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:08 Butch Weedon, Director, MSU Fire Services Training School

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00:04:58 Bob Drake, Fire Chief, Tri Lakes Fire Department

00:05:32 Jerry Shepherd, Fire Chief, West Valley Fire Department

00:06:10 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association

00:06:35 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

00:06:52 Daniel Watson, County Commissioner, Rosebud County

00:06:59 Sen. Williams arrived

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:18 None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:24 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:30 Sen. Laible to Butch Weedon

00:08:44 Sen. O'Neil to Rep. Bergren

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:12 Rep. Bergren

HEARING ON HB 145

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:31 **REP. JON SONJU (R), HD 7**, opened the hearing on **HB 145**, Clarify building code inspections in certified county and city programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:39 Jack Kane, Deputy Director, Standards, Montana Department of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:36 None

Informational Testimony:

00:15:42 None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:47 Sen. Hawks to Jack Kane

00:17:20 Sen. Laible to Jack Kane

00:20:22 Sen. Esp to Jack Kane

00:21:43 Chairman Gillan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:22 Rep. Sonju

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 290

00:26:12 **Motion/Vote:** **SEN. ESP** moved that **HB 290** BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously. **SEN. TROPILA** will carry **HB 290** on the Senate Floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 145

00:26:39 **Motion:** **SEN. ESP** moved that **HB 145** BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:26:50 Sen. O'Neil

00:27:09 Chairman Gillan

00:27:47 Sen. Gebhardt

00:29:08 Jack Kane

00:30:32 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously. SEN. GILLAN will carry HB 145 on the Senate Floor.**

00:30:52 Comments by Chairman Gillan

Discussion on HB 369

00:31:58 Harold Blattie

EXHIBIT (los49a02)

00:32:47 Sen. Gebhardt

00:33:25 Sen. Hawks

00:33:56 Chairman Gillan to Harold Blattie

00:35:04 Sen. Laible to Harold Blattie

00:35:39 Sen. Esp

00:35:59 Chairman Gillan

00:36:15 Sen. Esp

00:36:43 Sen. Gebhardt

00:37:04 Chairman Gillan

00:37:11 Sen. Laible

00:37:32 Chairman Gillan

00:38:04 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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