MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT,** on March 20, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Excused:
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:
Hearing & Date Posted: HB 634, 3/16/2007; HB 608, 3/16/2007; HB 618, 3/16/2007
Executive Action: HB 22; HB 442

00:00:01

HEARING ON HB 634

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:52 **REP. KENDALL VAN DYK (D), HD 49,** opened the hearing on **HB 634,** Increase bonding authority of facility finance authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:42 John Marchi, Montana Facility Finance Authority, Montana Ambassadors

EXHIBIT(fcs59a01)

00:07:06 Michelle Barstad, Montana Facility Finance Authority

00:09:25 John Solheim, President and CEO, Saint Peters Hospital

00:10:42 Mona Jamison, Boyd Andrew Community Services

00:12:06 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals and for Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

00:14:30 Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:19 Sen. Weinberg to John Marchi

00:20:01 Sen. Barkus to John Marchi

00:20:42 Michelle Barstad

00:22:36 Sen. Markus to Michelle Barstad

00:24:55 Sen. Lewis

00:26:04 Sen. Barkus to Michelle Barstad

00:28:03 Sen. Brueggeman to John Marchi

00:28:32 Michelle Barstad

00:29:33 Sen. Brueggeman to Michelle Barstad

00:30:37 Sen. Schmidt to John Marchi

00:31:59 Sen. Wanzenried to Rep. Van Dyk

00:33:47 Sen. Gallus to Rep. Van Dyk

00:35:44 Sen. Weinberg to Rep. Van Dyk

00:36:58 Sen. Bales to Rep. Van Dyk

00:38:06 Sen. Bales to Michelle Barstad

00:40:02 Sen. Laible to Michelle Barstad

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:33 Rep. Van Dyk

Sen. Brueggeman will carry the bill in the Senate.

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:34 **REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45,** opened the hearing on **HB 608,** Transfer general fund to children's trust fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:10 Betty Hall-Munger, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies

EXHIBIT(fcs59a02)

00:54:55 Teresa Cowan, The Parenting Place, Missoula

EXHIBIT(fcs59a03)

01:01:05 Debra Neuman, THRIVE, Bozeman

01:12:43 Mary Gilluly, Family Tree Center, Billings

EXHIBIT(fcs59a04)

01:19:12 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

01:19:41 Betty Hidalgo, Childrens Trust Fund Board

EXHIBIT(fcs59a05)

01:20:25 Sen. Dave Lewis, SD 42

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:08 Sen. Hawks to Debra Neuman

01:25:31 Sen. Cooney to Betty Hall-Munger

01:30:02 Sen. Hansen to Rep. Olson

01:33:21 Sen. Laible to Teresa Cowan

01:37:01 Sen. Barkus to Betty Hall-Munger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:42:45 Rep. Olson

HEARING ON HB 618

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:44:49 **REP. JOHN SINRUD (R), HD 67,** opened the hearing on **HB 618,** Establish statewide account for employee termination costs.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:46:29 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association

01:47:51 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:48:40 Paul Christofferson

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:01 Sen. Laible to Paul Christofferson

01:53:31 Sen. Laible to Rep. Sinrud

01:56:09 Sen. Laible to Amy Sessano, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:04 Rep. Sinrud

02:01:22 Recess

02:23:31 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 22

02:24:01 **Motion: SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 22 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:24:12 Sen. Schmidt

02:24:51 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously 15-0**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 442

02:25:09 **Motion: SEN. HAWKS moved that HB 442 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:25:22 Sen. Hawks

02:26:36 Sen. Tash

02:27:29 Sen. Weinberg

02:29:02 **Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 442 BE TABLED. Motion carried 12-3 with SEN. HAWKS, SEN. LIND, and SEN. TROPILA voting no.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:35 A.M.

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SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

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PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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