

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on March 10, 2009 at  
3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Michael More (R)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

**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: SB 411, SB 231, SB 261

Executive Action: Sub Committee on HB 436

00:00:00 Call to order

**HEARING ON SB 231**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:33 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 231, Revise the impact fee enabling act to require service area report.

(Rep. Menahan and Rep. Becker arrived.)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:25 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

**EXHIBIT (loh53a01)**

00:13:24 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

00:14:29 Rick Hill, Montana Building Industry Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:18 Rep. Ingraham  
00:15:58 Sen. Laible  
00:17:24 Rep. Reinhart  
00:17:36 Sen. Laible  
00:20:52 Rep. Reinhart  
00:21:02 Mr. Oppel  
00:22:55 Rep. Hands  
00:23:37 Mr. Oppel  
00:24:43 Rep. Hands  
00:25:20 Mr. Davis  
00:30:13 Rep. MacLaren  
00:30:18 Mr. Oppel  
00:30:54 Chairwoman Arntzen  
00:31:34 Mr. Oppel

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:38 Sen. Laible

(Chairwoman Arntzen requested that Rep. Becker serve as temporary chair.)

**HEARING ON SB 261**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:35 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 261, Generally revise transportation safety laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:26 Greg Phillips, Chair, Missoula Urban Transportation District Board; Deputy Director, Missoula International Airport

**EXHIBIT (loh53a02)**

00:39:35 Andy Sponseller, Missoula Urban Transportation District Board

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:09 Rep. Reichner  
00:42:35 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:43:06 Rep. Ebinger  
00:43:18 Sen. Wanzenried

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:01 Sen. Wanzenried  
  
00:45:05 Break  
(Rep. Becker relinquished the gavel to Vice Chairwoman Hands.)  
00:45:49 Reconvene  
(Rep. Sands, Rep. Stahl and Rep. MacLaren were not present.)

**HEARING ON SB 411**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:07 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 411, Growth policy to include sand and gravel resource.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:48:27 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association  
**EXHIBIT (loh53a03)**

00:53:56 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:56:04 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners, Missoula County

00:59:10 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:01:42 Rep. Reinhart

01:02:15 Mr. Hegreberg

01:03:45 Rep. More

01:04:14 Sen. Tutvedt

01:07:13 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:07:44 Ms. Stoll

01:09:21 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:09:35 Sen. Tutvedt

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:35 Sen. Tutvedt

01:11:14 Mr. Kolman

(Vice Chairwoman Hands relinquished the gavel to Chairwoman Arntzen.)

01:12:41 Rep. Ingraham

01:13:35 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:14:34 Rep. Ebinger

01:14:49 Rep. Menahan

01:15:03 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:15:07 Rep. Ingraham

01:15:48 Rep. Becker

01:15:59 Rep. Ingraham

01:16:27 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:17:03 Rep. Ebinger

01:17:08 Mr. Kolman

01:17:15 Rep. Ebinger

01:18:13 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:18:18 Mr. Kolman

01:18:44 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:19:09 Rep. Ingraham

01:19:41 Mr. Kolman

01:20:26 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:21:03 Rep. Menahan

01:21:06 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:21:30 Rep. Menahan

01:21:39 Rep. Reinhart

01:22:01 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:22:29 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved **THAT A SUB COMMITTEE BE FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRODUCING A COMMITTEE BILL.**

**Discussion:**

01:22:51 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:23:01 Rep. Becker

01:23:28 Mr. Kolman

01:23:56 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:24:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Rep. More, Rep. Reichner, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. Sands, Rep. MacLaren and Rep. Stahl voted by proxy.

01:25:35 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:27:09 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

01:27:35 Rep. Ebinger

01:27:43 Mr. Aagenes

**EXHIBIT (loh53a04)**

01:29:18 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:39:39 Rep. Reinhart

01:40:03 Chairwoman Arntzen

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:40:55 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([loh53aad.pdf](#))**