

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on February 4, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, 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 294, 1/27/2009; SB 296,
1/27/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 294

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:50 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 294, Include roads as undertaking for municipal revenue bonds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:01 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, HD 47
00:06:38 David Mumford, Public Works Director, Billings
00:09:06 Dustin Stewart, representing Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
00:11:24 Jani McCall, representing City of Billings
00:12:18 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:14:32 Sen. Gallus arrived at the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:24 Sen. Jackson
00:15:48 David Mumford
00:18:48 Sen. Jackson
00:19:04 Sen. Gillan
00:19:24 Alec Hansen
00:20:08 Sen. Jackson
00:20:20 Alec Hansen
00:20:35 Sen. Barkus
00:20:56 David Mumford
00:24:09 Sen. Essmann
00:24:20 David Mumford

00:24:42 Sen. Erickson arrived at the hearing.

00:25:08 Chairman Esp
00:25:32 David Mumford

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:41 Sen. Gillan

HEARING ON SB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:33 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 296, Revise newspaper publication requirement for municipalities and resorts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:11 Matt Gibson, Missoula Independent Newspaper
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00:36:37 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:14 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:44 Sen. Gallus
00:41:02 Sen. Essmann
00:41:18 Sen. Laslovich
00:41:44 Sheryl Wood
00:42:22 Sen. Laslovich
00:43:28 Matt Gibson
00:44:09 Sen. Laslovich
00:44:24 John Barrows, MNA

00:46:54 Sen. Gallus left the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:26 Sen. Essmann

00:50:32 Chairman Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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