

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on March 13, 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. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ron Erickson (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: HB 67, 2/20/2009; HB 129,
2/21/2009; HB 270, 2/23/2009; HB
428, 2/23/2009

Executive Action: HB 67 ~ DO CONCUR
HB 129 ~ DO CONCUR
HB 270 ~ DO CONCUR
HB 623 ~ DO CONCUR AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:42 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 270, Revise flood plain laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:50 Todd Klietz, Flood Plains Administrator, City of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(los56a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los56a02\)](#)

00:05:11 Laurence Siroky, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:14 Vicki Watson, Professor of Watershed Quality, University of Montana (UofM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:38 Chairman Esp
00:09:13 Laurence Siroky, DNRC
00:09:38 Chairman Esp
00:10:23 Todd Klietz, City of Missoula
00:11:14 Sen. Barkus
00:11:34 Rep. Reinhart
00:12:42 Sen. Jackson
00:12:59 Todd Klietz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:45 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:25 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 67, Rulemaking authority for Board of County Printing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:03 Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director, Department of
Administration
00:19:19 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association
00:20:48 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of
Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:34 Rep. Belcourt
00:21:54 Sen. Erickson arrived at committee hearing.

HEARING ON HB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:58 Rep. Dennis Getz (D), HD 38, opened the hearing on
HB 129, Revise flood plain map adoption laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:37 Laurence Siroky, DNRC
00:27:12 L. Harold Blattie, MACo
00:27:29 Todd Kleitz, City of Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:25 Sen. Jackson
00:28:39 Laurence Siroky
00:29:22 Chairman Esp
00:29:43 Rep. Getz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:11 Rep. Getz

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 67

00:30:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jackson moved that **HB 67 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jackson will carry HB 67.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 129

00:31:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gallus moved that **HB 129 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gallus will carry HB 129.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270

00:32:12 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 270 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:32:22 Sen. Jackson
00:32:30 Chairman Esp
00:33:36 Sen. Jackson

00:33:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Tutvedt will carry HB 270.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623

00:35:08 **Motion:** Sen. Barkus moved that **HB 623 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:36:48 **Motion:** Sen. Barkus moved that **HB 623 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT \(los56a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:37:03 Sen. Erickson
00:37:37 Sen. Essmann
00:38:23 Sen. Tutvedt
00:39:07 Sen. Barkus
00:40:11 Chairman Esp
00:42:00 Sen. Essmann
00:42:41 Chairman Esp
00:43:29 Sen. Gillan
00:45:11 Sen. Barkus
00:45:34 Chairman Esp
00:45:51 Sen. Erickson

00:47:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sens. Erickson and Laslovich voting no.

00:47:39 **Motion:** Sen. Barkus moved that **HB 623 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:48:09 Leanne Heisel

00:48:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 623 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
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00:49:12 **Motion:** Sen. Barkus moved that **HB 623 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:49:25 Sen. Gillan

00:49:47 Sen. Erickson

00:50:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barkus will carry HB 623.

HEARING ON HB 428

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:44 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 428, Revise requirements for technology districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:55 L. Harold Blattie, MACo

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00:55:39 Linda Stoll, representing Missoula County

00:55:52 Chad DeLong, Missoula Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDC)

00:58:24 E.J. Redding, representing Montana Information Technology Alliance (MITA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:09 Chairman Esp
00:59:22 L. Harold Blattie, MACo
00:59:40 Sen. Essmann
01:00:13 Chad DeLong, MAEDC
01:02:28 Chairman Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:49 Rep. Pomnichowski

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([los56aad.pdf](#))