

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on April 6, 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: HB 361, 4/1/2009

Executive Action: HB 472 ~ AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

TABLED: HB 361 ~ HB 231 ~ HB 411

HEARING ON HB 361**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:39 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on
HB 361, Local energy improvement district financing.
EXHIBIT (los75a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:32 Betsy Hands, HD 99
00:11:48 Derek Brown, Lewis & Clark County Commissioner
00:12:17 Dustin Stewart, representing Montana Building Industry
Association (MBIA)
00:13:21 Lynda Saul, self
00:14:15 Andy Tocke, contractor, Helena
00:15:26 John MacDonald, representing City of Missoula
00:15:46 Alec Hansen, representing League of Cities and Towns
00:16:40 Clyde Dailey, representing Montana Credit Union Network
00:17:55 Linda Gryczan, representing AERO, Alternative Energy
Resources Organization

EXHIBIT (los75a02)

00:19:47 Keith Allen, representing International Brotherhood of
Electrical Workers, Local 233

EXHIBIT (los75a03)

00:21:06 Tyler Evilsizer, Chairman, S.A.V.E. Foundation, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:20 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:27:23 Steve Turkiewicz, President, Montana Bankers
Association (MBA)
00:29:15 Rep. Pat Ingraham, HD 13

Informational Testimony:

00:32:10 Carl Schweitzer, representing Montana Subcontractors
Association
00:34:21 Debbie Jurcich, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:52 Sen. Gillan
00:35:38 Rep. Wiseman
00:41:42 Sen. Tutvedt
00:42:22 Steve Turkiewicz, MBA
00:42:38 Sen. Barkus
00:43:08 Rep. Wiseman
00:47:13 Sen. Essmann

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (Con't)

00:48:05 John MacDonald, Missoula
00:49:47 Chairman Esp
00:50:26 John MacDonald
00:51:50 Chairman Esp
00:52:13 Rep. Pat Ingraham

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:26 Rep. Wiseman

00:55:49 Recess
01:01:22 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 472

Discussion:

01:01:45 Chairman Esp
EXHIBIT (los75a04)
01:03:05 Sen. Essmann
01:04:39 Chairman Esp
01:05:21 Sen. Essmann
01:05:27 Sen. Gillan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 411

01:07:03 **Motion:** Sen. Tutvedt moved that **HB 411 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:07:11 Chairman Esp
01:08:16 Sen. Essmann
01:09:17 Sen. Gillan

01:10:39 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tutvedt made a substitute motion that **HB 411 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Gillan voting no and Sens. Gallus and Erickson voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 361

01:11:48 Chairman Esp

01:12:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Barkus moved that **HB 361 BE TABLED**.
Motion carried 5-4 by voice vote with Sens. Erickson,
Gallus, Gillan, and Laslovich voting no and Sens.
Erickson and Gallus voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 231

01:14:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Essmann moved that **HB 231 BE TABLED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sens.
Gallus and Erickson voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 472

Discussion:

01:15:14 Chairman Esp
01:15:20 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
01:17:37 Chairman Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20 P.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([los75aad.pdf](#))