

**MINUTES**

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

**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES ON HOUSE BILL 2, HB 676, HB 645**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Bales, on April 21, 2009 at 10:00  
A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mike Allen, 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 & Date Posted: None

Executive Action: HB 645, HB 2, HB 676

00:00:00 Reconvene  
00:00:14 Chairman Bales  
00:00:26 Chairman Esp  
00:00:38 Chairman Bales  
00:00:47 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:02:28 Chairman Bales  
00:02:31 Chairman Esp  
00:02:40 Ms. Purdy, LFD  
00:03:27 Sen. Peterson  
00:04:19 Chairman Esp  
00:04:26 Chairman Bales  
00:05:23 Ms. Purdy  
00:06:04 Rep. Hawk  
00:06:38 Rep. Morgan  
00:06:56 Chairman Bales  
00:06:57 Chairman Esp  
00:07:07 Vice-Chair Sesso

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 645**

00:08:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that **HB 645 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.  
**EXHIBIT (frs85hb0002a01)**

00:10:06 Chairman Esp  
00:10:08 Recess HB 645

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2**

00:10:22 Chairman Bales  
00:10:56 Ms. Purdy  
00:12:41 Chairman Bales  
00:12:49 Rep. Sesso  
00:13:23 Ms. Purdy  
00:14:45 Chairman Bales  
00:15:33 Rep. Hiner  
00:15:59 Ms. Purdy  
00:17:26 Chairman Bales  
00:17:57 Ms. Purdy  
00:18:09 Chairman Bales  
00:18:30 Sen. Schmidt  
00:19:01 Ms. Purdy  
00:19:40 Chairman Bales  
00:20:17 Sen. Schmidt

00:20:28 Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
(OBPP)

00:21:10 Chairman Bales

00:21:21 Vice-Chair Sesso

00:21:43 Ms. Purdy

00:21:50 Lois Steinbeck, LFD

00:22:36 Sen. Schmidt

00:22:51 Ms. Purdy

00:23:14 Rep. Hiner

00:23:59 Rep. Sesso

00:25:04 Chairman Bales

00:25:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried 3-0 in the Senate and 3-1 in the House  
by roll call vote, with Rep. Hiner voting no.

**EXHIBIT (frs85hb0002a02)**

00:26:41 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT (frs85hb0002a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:27:16 Rep. Sesso

00:27:38 Chairman Bales

00:28:57 Rep. Sesso

00:29:09 Chairman Bales

00:29:14 Rep. Sesso

00:29:20 Chairman Bales

00:29:46 Ms. Purdy

00:30:13 Chairman Bales

00:30:19 Rep. Hiner

00:30:33 Ms. Purdy

00:31:24 Chairman Bales

00:31:35 Sen. Schmidt

00:31:46 Chairman Bales

00:32:32 Sen. Schmidt

00:32:40 Chairman Bales

00:33:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:33:48 Chairman Bales

00:34:04 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT (frs85hb0002a04)**

**Discussion:**

00:34:42 Rep. Sesso

00:34:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

00:35:39 Rep. Sesso

00:35:58 Chairman Bales

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 676**

00:36:10 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that **HB 676 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (frs85hb0002a05)**

00:36:42 Rep. Sesso

00:38:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

00:38:30 Chairman Bales

00:38:34 Vice-Chair Sesso

00:38:47 Chairman Bales

00:39:32 Recess HB 2 and HB 676

**ADJOURNMENT**

Recess: 10:40 P.M.

---

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([frs85hb0002aad.pdf](#))**