

MINUTES

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

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 645

Call to Order: Chairman John Esp, on April 25, 2009 at 11:30
A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Esp, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: None

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

00:00:00 Reconvene
00:00:12 Chairman Esp

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 645

00:01:14 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**
EXHIBIT (frs89hb0645a01)

00:02:03 Sen. Esp

00:02:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-0 in the House and 2-1 in the Senate with Sen. Esp voting no.

00:03:06 **Motion:** Sen. Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**
EXHIBIT (frs89hb0645a02)

Discussion:

00:03:09 Chairman Esp
00:03:23 Chairman Esp
00:04:25 Rep. Hiner
00:04:49 Chairman Esp
00:05:30 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:05:54 Chairman Esp
00:06:28 Ms. Purdy, LFD
00:07:31 Rep. Peterson amended his motion to insert "tribal governments" pursuant to [Section 56(1) (b)].

00:09:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:10:12 **Motion:** Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**
EXHIBIT (frs89hb0645a03)

00:10:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:23 **Motion:** Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**
EXHIBIT (frs89hb0645a04)

Discussion:

00:11:53 Chairman Esp
00:12:38 Rep. Hiner
00:12:59 Chairman Esp

00:13:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:13:44 Chairman Esp

00:14:03 **Motion:** Sen. Peterson moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**
EXHIBIT (frs89hb0645a05)

Discussion:

00:14:44 Chairman Esp
00:14:51 Ms. Purdy
00:14:59 Chairman Esp
00:18:18 Sen. Peterson
00:19:03 Chairman Esp
00:19:04 Sen. Peterson amended his motion changing #3 "Page B-8"
to "Page B-9" and striking "and" and inserting "or".
00:19:20 Rep. Morgan
00:20:22 Chairman Esp
00:21:53 Rep. Morgan
00:22:53 Chairman Esp
00:23:01 Rep. Morgan
00:23:12 Chairman Esp
00:23:23 Rep. Morgan
00:23:26 Sen. Peterson withdrew his motion.
00:24:15 Chairman Esp
00:24:26 Rep. Morgan
00:24:38 Chairman Esp
00:24:44 Rep. Morgan
00:24:56 Chairman Esp
00:25:01 Rep. Sesso
00:25:05 Chairman Esp
00:26:22 Rep. Sesso
00:27:17 Chairman Esp
00:27:19 Rep. Sesso
00:30:35 Chairman Esp

00:32:22 **Motion:** Rep Sesso moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**
EXHIBIT (frs89hb0645a06)

Discussion:

00:32:29 Rep. Sesso
00:33:58 Chairman Esp

00:34:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 3-0 in the Senate and 4-1 in the
house by voice vote with Rep. Sesso voting no.

00:34:56 Recess
00:45:26 Reconvene

00:45:41 **Motion:** Rep. Hiner moved **TO AMEND HB 645 WITH CONCEPTUAL LANGUAGE THAT IF SB 100 DIES THE MONIES WILL REVERT BACK TO THE COAL BOARD AND ANY OTHER USES OF THESE MONIES ARE VOID.**

[EXHIBIT \(frs89hb0645a07\)](#)

Discussion:

00:46:39 Rep. Hiner

00:49:05 Sen. Esp

Sen. Peterson not present

00:49:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Peterson voted by proxy.

00:50:11 Chairman Esp

00:50:15 **Motion:** Rep. Hiner moved **TO AMEND HB 645.**

[EXHIBIT \(frs89hb0645a08\)](#)

Discussion:

00:50:55 Rep. Morgan

00:51:42 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote with Sen. Peterson voting by proxy.

00:51:59 Ms. Purdy

00:52:26 **Motion:** Rep. Morgan moved **TO AMEND HB 645** striking "and" and inserting "or" and striking "B-8" and inserting "B-9".

[EXHIBIT \(frs89hb0645a09\)](#)

Sen. Peterson now present

00:53:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:53:37 Chairman Esp

00:53:39 Ms. Purdy

00:53:48 Rep. Sesso

00:54:24 Chairman Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Recessed: 12:45 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([frs89hb0645aad.pdf](#))