

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairwoman Elsie Arntzen, on March 17, 2009 at
11:40 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairwoman (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chairwoman (D)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Michael More (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary MacLaren, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, 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: None

Executive Action: SB 57, SB 58, SB 148, SB 294
SB 231, SB 261

00:00:00 Call to order
00:02:43 Rep. Stahl
00:02:44 Rep. Reichner and Rep. MacLaren arrived.
00:03:44 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:03:56 Rep. Grinde
00:04:07 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:04:18 Rep. Grinde
00:04:22 Chairwoman Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 57

00:04:29 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 57 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:04:42 Rep. Stahl
00:05:10 Chairwoman Arntzen

00:05:15 Rep. Ingraham withdrew her motion without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

00:05:22 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:05:36 Rep. Ingraham
00:05:54 Chairwoman Arntzen

00:05:58 Rep. Hands withdrew her motion without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148

00:06:13 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:06:24 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

00:06:47 **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (loh59a01)

Discussion:

00:07:48 Mr. Kolman
00:08:45 Rep. Hamilton
00:08:52 Rep. Driscoll
00:10:04 Rep. Stahl
00:10:25 Rep. Driscoll

00:10:41 Rep. Stahl
00:11:11 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
00:11:19 Rep. Stahl
00:11:30 Rep. Reinhart
00:12:11 Rep. Driscoll
00:12:36 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:12:52 Rep. Reinhart
00:13:01 Rep. Grinde
00:13:30 Rep. Menahan
00:15:07 Rep. Stahl
00:15:56 Rep. Driscoll
00:16:22 Rep. Grinde
00:16:33 Rep. Becker
00:16:41 Rep. Grinde
00:17:00 Rep. Sands
00:17:26 Mr. Kolman
00:17:30 Rep. Driscoll
00:17:34 Rep. Reinhart

00:18:33 Rep. Driscoll withdrew her amendment.

00:18:33 Rep. Stahl
00:19:32 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:19:40 Rep. Stahl
00:20:13 Rep. Ingraham

00:20:58 Rep. Hands withdrew her motion.

00:21:06 Rep. More
00:21:30 Rep. Stahl

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 57

00:21:39 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 57 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:22:01 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 57 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (loh59a02)

Discussion:

00:24:47 Mr. Kolman
00:25:38 Rep. Ingraham
00:27:53 Rep. Hamilton

00:28:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Berry voted by proxy.

00:28:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 57 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry voted by proxy. Rep. Hamilton will carry the bill.

00:29:16 Rep. Hamilton

00:30:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stahl moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** on **SB 57**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote.

00:30:45 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **SB 57 BE AMENDED**. [EXHIBIT \(loh59a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:31:23 Rep. Sands left.

00:31:24 Mr. Blattie

00:33:40 Randy Wilke, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue

00:34:59 Rep. Hands

00:35:06 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division

00:37:35 Rep. Hands

00:37:59 Mr. Blattie

00:38:35 Rep. Hands

00:38:52 Mr. Blattie

00:39:27 Rep. Grinde

00:39:38 Sen. Kim Gillan, SD 24, Billings, Montana

00:40:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sands and Rep. Berry voted by proxy.

00:40:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 57 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry and Rep. Sands voted by proxy. Rep. Hamilton will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

00:41:27 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:41:28 Rep. Hands and Menahan left.

00:41:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 58 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Hands, Rep. Sands and Rep. Menahan voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT \(loh59a04\)](#)

00:44:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Hands, Rep. Sands and Rep. Menahan voted by proxy. Rep. Hamilton will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 294

00:45:15 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **SB 294 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:46:10 Mr. Kolman
00:46:11 Rep. Menahan arrived.
00:47:20 Rep. Grinde
00:47:38 Rep. MacLaren
00:47:44 Rep. Hamilton
00:47:53 Mr. Kolman
00:48:18 Rep. Becker
00:49:13 Rep. Vance
00:49:43 Rep. Stahl
00:50:30 Rep. MacLaren
00:50:54 Rep. Ingraham
00:51:58 Chairwoman Arntzen
00:52:50 Rep. Stahl
00:53:28 Mr. Kolman
00:53:42 Chairwoman Arntzen

00:54:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-5 by voice vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Berry, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. More, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. Berry, Rep. Sands and Rep. Hands voted by proxy. Rep. MacLaren will carry the bill.

00:54:46 Rep. Stahl left. Rep. Berry, Rep. Sands, and Rep. Hands were also not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 231

00:55:58 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 231 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:56:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacLaren moved that **SB 231 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Stahl, Rep. Hands and Rep. Sands voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT (loh59a05)

00:58:56 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **SB 231 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:59:04 Rep. MacLaren
01:00:05 Chairwoman Arntzen

01:00:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Berry, Rep. Stahl, Rep. Hands and Rep. Sands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 261

01:01:23 **Motion:** Rep. Bennett moved that **SB 261 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:01:41 Mr. Kolman
01:02:18 Rep. Vance
01:02:50 Rep. Reinhart
01:03:05 Rep. Becker

01:03:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by voice vote with Rep. Arntzen, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Berry, Rep. Ingraham, Rep. More, Rep. Stahl, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. Berry, Rep. Stahl, Rep. Hands and Rep. Sands voted by proxy.

01:07:24 Rep. Ebinger
01:07:47 Rep. Reichner

ADJOURNMENT

01:08:34 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([loh59aad.pdf](#))