

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Gary MacLaren, on February 1, 2011 at 3:05 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

00:00:05

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chair (R)  
Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Kris Hansen (R)  
Rep. James Knox (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Mary McNally (D)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)

**Staff Present:** Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch  
Phoebe Williams, 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 304, 1/28/2011  
Executive Action: HB 123, HB 170, HB 211, HB 212

**HEARING ON HB 304****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:40 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 304, Generally revise laws relating to special districts.

00:02:00 Rep. Stahl joined meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:44 John Hendrickson, Missoula Building Industry Association

00:07:30 David Moore

00:09:32 Lynn Hellegaard

00:10:00 Rep. Ingraham joined meeting

00:13:52 Lee Clemmensen

00:20:09 Dick Haines, Missoula City Council

00:25:18 Pat McCain

00:26:20 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:27:05 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:32:50 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

**EXHIBIT(loh25a01)**

**EXHIBIT(loh25a02)**

00:36:21 Bruce Bender, Chief Administrative Officer City of Missoula

00:39:01 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**EXHIBIT(loh25a03)**

00:59:14 Linda Stahl, Montana Association of Planners

01:03:09 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

01:04:48 Ed Bartlett, City of Billings

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:59 Rep. Ingraham

01:07:59 Harold Blattie

01:08:41 Rep. Ingraham

01:08:58 Harold Blattie

01:10:18 Rep. Ingraham

01:10:44 Harold Blattie

01:11:35 Rep. Hansen

01:12:03 Lynn Hellegaard

**EXHIBIT(loh25a04)**

01:15:09 Rep. Hansen

01:15:37 Lynn Hellegaard

01:16:18 Rep. Barrett

01:17:02 Bruce Bender

01:17:31 Rep. Knox

01:17:54 Ed Bartlett

01:18:24 Rep. Skees

01:19:07 Rep Hendrick

01:19:24 Lynn Hellegaard  
01:20:52 Rep. Rosendale  
01:21:20 Lynn Hellegaard  
01:22:05 Rep. Rosendale  
01:22:10 Lynn Hellegaard  
01:22:16 Rep. Rosendale  
01:22:50 Harold Blattie  
01:23:40 Rep. Rosendale  
01:24:06 Harold Blattie  
01:24:21 Rep. Malek  
01:25:22 Bruce Bender  
01:28:06 Rep. Malek  
01:28:55 Bruce Bender  
01:30:21 Rep. Reinhart  
01:30:39 Bruce Bender  
01:32:49 Rep. Reinhart  
01:33:04 Harold Blattie  
01:34:12 Rep. Reinhart  
01:34:24 Harold Blattie  
01:35:41 Rep. Knox  
01:36:09 Bruce Bender  
01:36:40 Rep. MacLaren  
01:37:09 Alec Hansen  
01:38:29 Rep Ingraham  
01:39:43 Rep Hendrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:41:27 Rep. Hendrick  
  
01:46:17 Recess  
01:56:23 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123**

01:57:56 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 123 DO PASS.**  
01:57:59 Helen Thigpen

01:59:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barrett moved that **HB 123 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried  
unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(loh25a05)**

01:59:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 123 BE AMENDED.** Motion  
carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(loh25a06)**

02:00:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 123 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 211**

02:00:53 Helen Thigpen

02:01:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 211 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212**

02:02:04 Helen Thigpen

02:02:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 212 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 170**

02:03:10 Helen Thigpen

02:03:55 **Motion:** Rep. Stahl moved that **HB 170 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

02:04:04 Rep. Barrett  
02:05:24 Rep. Rosendale  
02:06:00 Rep. Skees  
02:06:24 Rep. Stahl  
02:07:20 Rep. Reinhart  
02:07:42 Rep. Hansen  
02:08:18 Rep. Stahl  
02:08:57 Rep. Hansen  
02:09:07 Rep. Stahl  
02:09:43 Rep. Malek  
02:10:08 Rep. Barrett  
02:11:21 Rep. Malek  
02:11:37 Rep. Stahl  
02:13:08 Rep. Malek  
02:13:34 Rep. Stahl  
02:13:49 Rep. Skees  
02:14:05 Rep. Stahl  
02:14:14 Rep. O'Neil  
02:14:34 Rep. Stahl  
02:14:57 Rep. O'Neil  
02:15:10 Rep. Stahl  
02:15:18 Rep. O'Neil  
02:15:36 Rep. Stahl  
02:16:25 Rep..Moore  
02:17:11 Rep. Skees  
02:17:27 Rep. Stahl  
02:18:03 Rep. Reinhart

02:18:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Berry, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Knox, Rep. O'Neil, Rep. Rosendale, Rep. Stahl and Rep. Vance voting aye.

02:19:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. More moved that **THE VOTE BE REVERSED AND HB 170 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 13 -7.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:20:20

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh25aad.pdf](#))**