

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Gary MacLaren, on March 17, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

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. Pat Ingraham (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. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Absent: None

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: SB 234, 3/10/2011; SB 236, 3/10/2011; SB 117, 3/10/2011; SB
275, 3/10/2011

HEARING ON SB 275**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:58:49 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 275, Revise laws relating to public cemeteries.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:02:52 Rep. Reinhart
02:03:08 Sen. Zinke
02:03:38 Rep. Barrett
02:03:51 Sen. Zinke
02:04:11 Rep. Moore
02:04:25 Sen. Zinke

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:48 Sen Zinke

HEARING ON SB 234**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:06 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 234, Generally revise municipal solid waste services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:33 Donna Tennenson, City County Sanitation
[EXHIBIT\(loh60a01\)](#)
00:17:04 Jerry Snell, Kootenai Disposal
[EXHIBIT\(loh60a02\)](#)
00:18:36 Gary Spaeth, Solid Waste Contractors Association
[EXHIBIT\(loh60a03\)](#)
00:22:18 Tom Singer, McKenzie Disposal
[EXHIBIT\(loh60a04\)](#)
00:28:16 Dave Smigaj, City County Sanitation
00:29:37 Frank Crowley, Crowley Consultants
00:30:28 John Whitman, Allied Waste, Billings Montana
00:32:58 Jon Bennion, Montan Chamber of Commerce
00:33:50 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
00:34:28 Roger Bridgeford, Montana Waste Systems Inc.
00:35:51 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chambers of Commerce
00:36:36 Dave Duffy, City County Sanitation
[EXHIBIT\(loh60a05\)](#)
00:40:11 Harry Kirschenbaum, Allied Waste Bozeman
00:40:52 Jack Walsh, Helena Building Industry Association

00:42:14 Phil Ideson, Allied Waste Bozeman
00:42:59 Max Bauer, Jr, Allied Waste Bozeman

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:38 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive
00:47:04 David Mumford, City of Billings
00:50:24 Jim Rearden, City of Great Falls
00:51:33 John Rundquist, City of Helena
00:53:07 Mike Nicholson, City of Kalispell
00:54:59 Anna Rosenberry, City of Bozeman
00:57:45 Ron Alison, Helena City Manager
01:00:17 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
01:04:16 Melissa Lewis, City of Shelby

Informational Testimony:

01:04:51 Eric Dahlgren, Public Service Commission
[EXHIBIT\(loh60a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:47 Rep. Skees
01:08:10 Rep. Hansen
01:08:39 Eric Dahlgren
01:09:07 Rep. Hansen
01:09:15 Eric Dahlgren
01:09:44 Rep. Hansen
01:10:14 Gary Spaeth
01:10:48 Rep. Rosendale
01:11:22 Sen. Sonju
01:12:31 Rep. Skees
01:12:58 Eric Dahlgren
01:13:06 Rep. Sekes
01:13:11 Eric Dahlgren
01:13:15 Rep. Skees
01:13:33 Eric Dahlgren
01:14:27 Rep. Skees
01:14:31 Eric Dahlgren
01:14:44 Rep. Skees
01:15:23 Jon Bennion
01:16:03 Rep. Knox
01:16:30 Rep. Malek
01:16:54 David Mumford
01:17:49 Rep. Malek
01:18:03 David Mumford
01:18:27 Rep. Reinhart
01:18:39 David Mumford
01:19:03 Rep. Reinhart
01:19:22 Sen. Sonju
01:20:00 Rep. Reinhart
01:20:09 Rep. Berry
01:20:32 Dave Mumford

01:20:47 Rep. McNalley
01:21:07 Dave Mumford
01:21:39 Rep. McNally
01:21:56 Dave Mumford
01:22:20 Rep. McNally
01:22:38 Sen. Sonju
01:23:02 Gary Spaeth
01:24:13 Rep. Lavin
01:24:31 Anna Rosenberry
01:25:52 Rep..Lavin
01:26:09 Anna Rosenberry
01:27:16 Rep. Moore
01:27:51 Anna Rosenberry
01:28:42 Rep. Skees
01:29:31 Gary Spaeth

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:38 Sen. Sonju

HEARING ON SB 236

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:16 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 236, Revise solid waste laws related to local government.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:44 Donna Tenneson, City County Sanitation
01:35:40 Dave Duffy, City County Sanitation
01:39:09 Frank Patrick Crowley
01:40:21 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:40:40 Roger Bridgeford, Montana Waste Systems
01:41:16 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
01:41:32 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls, and Helena Chambers of Commerce
01:42:07 Harry Kirschenbaim, Allied Waste Bozeman
01:43:14 Jack Walsh, Helena Building Industry Association
01:44:10 Max Bauer Jr., Allied Waste
01:45:19 Gary Spaeth, Montana Solid Waste Contractors Association

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:48:22 Sheryl Rhys, Lewis and Clark County
01:49:32 John Rundquist, City of Helena
01:51:50 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

Informational Testimony:

01:53:58 Anna Rosenberry, City of Bozeman

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:10 Rep. Moore
01:55:47 Sen. Buttrey
01:55:57 Rep. Moore
01:56:05 Rep. O'Neil
01:56:20 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:36 Sen. Buttrey

02:07:18 Recess

02:18:24 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 117**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:18:47 Sen. Greg Hinkle (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 117, Coordination between counties, districts, and federal government.

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a10\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:29:18 Rep. Wagner

02:36:30 Dan Happel, Madison County Commissioner

02:38:59 Ron Olfert, Sanders County Natural Resource Council

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a11\)](#)

02:42:54 Bill Petrovish, Concerned Citizens Montana

02:45:04 Clarice Ryan, Montanans for Multiple Use

02:49:20 Karry White, Citizens for Balance Use

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a12\)](#)

02:51:27 Jody Loomis

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a13\)](#)

02:52:34 Bob Faw

02:52:46 Kevin McCawley

02:53:35 Fred Hodgeboom

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a14\)](#)

02:54:46 Rachel Roberts, Concerned Citizens Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

02:55:47 Gloria O'Rourke, MEDA

02:57:17 Mike McGinly Beaverhead County Commissioner

03:01:36 Jane Weber, Cascade County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a15\)](#)

03:05:58 Derf Johnson, MEIC

03:07:30 Harold Blattie, MACo

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a18\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a19\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a20\)](#)

03:13:56 Tom Lythgoe, Jefferson County Commissioner
03:16:22 John Ostlund, MACo

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:16:59 Rep. Skees
03:17:24 Mike McGinly
03:17:36 Rep. Skees
03:18:09 Tom Lythgoe
03:18:19 Rep. Reinhart
03:19:06 Sen. Hinkle
03:20:17 Rep. Reinhart
03:20:28 Sen. Hinkle
03:20:42 Rep. Reinhart
03:20:54 Sen. Hinkle
03:21:49 Rep. Reinhart
03:22:17 Sen. Hinkle
03:22:48 Rep. Reinhart
03:23:46 Sen. Hinkle
03:25:04 Rep. Moore
03:25:33 Harold Blattie
03:25:43 Rep. Moore
03:26:32 Carry White
03:26:41 Rep. Moore
03:27:31 Carry White
03:29:19 Rep. Moore
03:29:35 Carry White
03:30:26 Rep. Barrett
03:31:54 Sen. Hinkle
03:33:16 Rep. Barrett
03:33:40 Sen. Hinkle
03:33:44 Rep. Barrett
03:33:57 Sen. Hinkle
03:35:05 Rep. Knox
03:35:45 Fred Hodgeboom
03:37:03 Rep. Knox
03:37:35 Fred Hodgeboom
03:38:22 Rep. Ingraham
03:39:39 Sen. Hinkle
03:39:57 Rep. McNally
03:40:06 Sen. Hinkle
03:40:37 Rep. McNally
03:41:01 Sen. Hinkle
03:42:01 Rep. McNally
03:42:05 Sen. Hinkle
03:42:31 Rep. Barrett

03:43:08 Sen. Hinkle
03:43:55 Rep. Barrett
03:44:11 Sen. Hinkle

Closing by Sponsor:

03:44:43 Sen. Hinkle

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:52:11

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a21\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a22\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh60a23\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(loh60aad.pdf\)](#)