

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Gary MacLaren, on April 5, 2011 at 2:45 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. Edward Greef (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. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Berry (R) and Rep. Kris Hansen (R)

**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 417, 4/1/2011; SB 420, 4/1/2011  
Executive Action: SB 283; SB 379, SB 303, SB 417

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 283**

00:03:27 Helen Thigpen

00:07:40 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 283 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:07:54 Rep. Stahl

00:08:06 Helen Thigpen

00:08:18 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 283 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(loh76a01)**

00:08:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Rep. Stahl voting no.

00:08:50 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 283 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:09:00 Rep. Stahl

00:09:53 Rep. MacLaren

00:10:00 Rep. Stahl

00:10:21 Rep. Moore

00:10:46 Rep. Reinhart

00:11:01 Helen Thigpen

00:11:45 Rep. Reinhart

00:12:35 Rep. Stahl

00:12:59 Helen Thigpen

00:13:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Rep. Stahl voting no. Rep. Esp will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 417****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:06 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 417, Designate military affected areas.

**EXHIBIT(loh76a02)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:03 Joe Briggs, Cascade County Commissioner, Montana Association of Counties

**EXHIBIT(loh76a03)**

00:26:22 Debra Lafontaine,

00:31:05 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard

00:32:35 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

00:36:55 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties

00:38:08 Rep. Berry joined meeting

00:38:43 Alan Hobbs, Central Montana Defense Alliance  
00:41:31 Shaun Tatarka, Great Falls Development Authority  
00:42:38 Sarah Converse, Executive Director of Sweet Grass Development

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:29 Rep. Ingraham  
00:43:59 Sen. Buttrey  
00:44:24 Rep. Reinhart  
00:45:12 Sen. Buttrey  
00:46:03 Rep. Reinhart  
00:46:16 Sen. Buttrey  
00:46:33 Debra LaFontaine  
00:47:00 Rep. Reinhart  
00:47:15 Debra LaFontaine  
00:48:31 Rep. Moore  
00:49:02 Sen. Buttrey  
00:49:22 Rep. Moore  
00:49:38 Joe Briggs  
00:51:00 Rep. Moore  
00:51:19 Joe Briggs  
00:51:51 Rep. Rosendale  
00:52:15 Joe Briggs  
00:52:26 Rep. Rosendale  
00:52:38 Joe Briggs

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:53:03 Sen. Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 420**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:21 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 420, Revise local government audit laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:56:01 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems  
00:56:48 Harold Blattie, MACo

**EXHIBIT(loh76a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:01:19 Paul Christoffersen, Department of Administration

**EXHIBIT(loh76a05)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:23 Rep. Skees  
01:03:00 Sen. Gallus  
01:03:10 Rep. Reinhart  
01:03:36 Harold Blattie  
01:04:27 Rep. O'Neil  
01:04:53 Paul Christoffersen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:02 Sen. Gallus

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 417**

01:06:52 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 417 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:07:04 Rep. O'Neil

01:07:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. More moved that **SB 417 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:08:19 Rep. Rosendale  
01:09:08 Rep. Skees  
01:09:31 Rep. McNally  
01:10:15 Rep. MacLaren  
01:10:48 Rep. Skees  
01:10:54 Rep. Rosendale  
01:11:49 Rep. Barrett  
01:12:20 Rep. Rosendale  
01:13:17 Rep. Skees  
01:14:16 Rep. Moore  
01:15:07 Rep. MacLaren  
01:15:26 Helen Thipen  
01:15:53 Rep. MacLaren

01:16:04 Rep. Moore withdrew his motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 379**

01:16:30 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 379 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:16:38 Rep. Reinhart  
01:16:44 Helen Thigpen

01:16:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **SB 379 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXHIBIT(l oh76a06)**

01:17:28 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 379 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

01:17:40 Rep. Reinhart  
01:20:51 Rep. MacLaren  
01:20:57 Rep. Reinhart  
01:21:03 Rep. Moore  
01:24:55 Rep. Stahl  
01:25:27 Rep. Barrett  
01:26:59 Rep. Knox  
01:27:44 Rep. MacLaren

01:28:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bangerter, Rep. Barrett, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Malek, Rep. McNally, Rep. Reinhart and Rep. Swanson voting no. Rep. Hansen voted by proxy. Rep. Lavin will carry the bill.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 303**

01:30:11 **Motion:** Rep. More moved that **SB 303 BE CONCURRED IN.**

#### **Discussion:**

01:30:38 Rep. Reinhart  
01:31:12 Rep. Knox  
01:31:52 Rep. McNally  
01:33:16 Rep. Bennett  
01:34:28 Rep. Rosendale  
01:35:32 Rep. Barrett  
01:36:47 Rep. Stahl  
01:38:17 Rep. Malek  
01:39:02 Rep. MacLaren

01:41:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bangerter, Rep. Barrett, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Lavin, Rep. MacLaren, Rep. Malek, Rep. McNally, Rep. Reinhart and Rep. Swanson voting no. Rep. Hansen voted by proxy. Rep. Stahl will carry the bill.

01:42:37 Rep. MacLaren

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:46:12

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh76aad.pdf](#))**