

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on February 8, 2011 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 84, 2/4/2011; SB 224, 2/4/2011
Executive Action: SB 215; SB 57; SB 198

HEARING ON SB 224

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:28 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 224, Require legislative action for grant application for patient protection act.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs31a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs31a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:41 Tim Ravndal, Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:04 Sen. Brown

00:08:51 Sen. Priest

00:09:26 Sen. Brown

00:09:50 Sen. Priest

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:37 Sen. Priest

HEARING ON SB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:15 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 84, Revise deposit of fish and wildlife fines, restitution, damages.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:43 Jim Kropp, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs31a03\)](#)

00:16:51 George Golie, Montana Game Wardens Association and Montana Wildlife Federation
 00:17:52 Sen. Larry Jent, SD 32
 00:20:13 Chairman Lewis
 00:20:15 Sen. Jent
 00:20:27 Chairman Lewis
 00:20:45 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:53 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:22:58 Chairman Lewis
 00:23:15 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:23:39 Chairman Lewis
 00:23:52 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:24:12 Sen. Brenden
 00:26:01 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:26:28 Sen. Brenden
 00:26:50 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:27:08 Mr. Kropp, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 00:28:48 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:29:05 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:29:35 Sen. Priest
 00:30:08 Mr. Kropp

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:51 Sen. Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 215

00:33:17 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **SB 215 DO PASS.**

00:33:43 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **SB 215 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs31a04\)](#)

Discussion:

00:33:56 Sen. Gallus
 00:34:17 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 00:36:19 Chairman Lewis
 00:36:33 Ms. Purdy, LFD
 00:36:59 Sen. Lewis

00:37:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:38:08 Ms. Purdy, LFD, addressed a technical amendment to SB 215

00:38:44 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **SB 215 BE AMENDED** with a conceptual amendment striking the word "gallons" and inserting the words "proof gallons".

Discussion:

00:39:05 Chairman Lewis

00:39:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:39:33 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **SB 215 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:39:47 Sen. Gallus

00:41:06 Chairman Lewis

00:41:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Jones and Sen. Zinke voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 57

00:42:13 **Motion:** Sen. Lewis moved that **SB 57 DO PASS**.

00:42:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lewis moved that **SB 57 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs31a05\)](#)

00:43:04 **Motion:** Sen. Lewis moved that **SB 57 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:43:31 Sen. Williams

00:43:45 Sen. Lewis

00:44:16 Ms. Purdy, LFD

00:44:31 Sen. Williams

00:44:40 Chairman Lewis

00:45:17 Sen. Walker

00:45:32 Chairman Lewis

00:45:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Jones and Sen. Zinke voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 198

00:46:12 **Motion:** Sen. Lewis moved that **SB 198 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:46:38 Sen. Hawks
00:47:02 Chairman Lewis
00:47:54 Sen. Hawks
00:49:27 Chairman Lewis
00:50:55 Sen. Zinke now present
00:51:46 Sen. Priest
00:53:00 Sen. Hamlett
00:53:46 Sen. Olson
00:56:03 Sen. Zinke
00:57:31 Chairman Lewis
00:57:42 Sen. Zinke
00:58:08 Chairman Lewis
00:58:18 Sen. Olson
00:58:56 Chairman Lewis withdrew his motion
00:59:18 Sen. Keane
00:59:53 Chairman Lewis

Discussion of process regarding SB 57:

01:00:53 Sen. Wanzenried
01:02:38 Chairman Lewis
01:03:05 Sen. Wanzenried
01:03:49 Chairman Lewis
01:03:59 Sen. Zinke

Announcement:

01:04:48 Ms. Purdy, LFD
01:05:35 Chairman Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:08 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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EXHIBIT([fcs31aad.pdf](#))