

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on April 1, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, 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 & Date Posted: HB 3, 3/29/2011; HB 4, 3/29/2011; HB 5, 3/29/2011; HB 6,
3/29/2011

HEARING ON HB 3**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:02 Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 3, Supplemental appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:31 Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender

00:10:11 Shawn Graham, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:11:11 Jeri Duran, Montana Lottery

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00:15:04 Brad Griffin, President, Montana Retail Association

00:16:07 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:16:34 Jennifer Henson, Commissioner of Political Practices

EXHIBIT(fcs73a02)

00:19:31 Russ Hill, Health Care Benefits Administration, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:48 Sen. Hawks

00:24:26 Ms. Duran, Montana Lottery

00:24:41 Sen. Hawks

00:24:52 Ms. Duran

00:26:12 Sen. Hawks

00:26:47 Sen. Ripley

00:27:16 Mr. Graham, OBPP

00:27:47 Sen. Ripley

00:27:51 Mr. Graham

00:27:57 Sen. Ripley

00:28:09 Mr. Graham

00:28:40 Sen. Ripley

00:28:43 Mr. Graham

00:28:56 Sen. Ripley

00:29:04 Mr. Graham

00:29:19 Sen. Olson

00:29:37 Ms. Duran

00:30:34 Sen. Olson

00:30:51 Ms. Duran

00:31:30 Chairman Lewis
00:32:08 Mr. Hill, DOA
00:32:40 Chairman Lewis
00:33:05 Mr. Hill

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:47 Rep. Mehlhoff

Sen. Wanzenried will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:34:15 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:56 Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by budget amendment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:30 Shawn Graham, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:38:14 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:38:48 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:16 Rep. Mehlhoff

HEARING ON HB 5**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:45 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:02 Joe Triem, Architecture and Engineering Division

00:49:13 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:49:42 Tom Livers, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:50:05 Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division

[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:09 Sen. Wanzenried

00:52:36 Rep. Sesso

00:53:39 Sen. Wanzenried

00:54:04 Rep. Sesso

00:55:06 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:55:23 Sen. Wanzenried

00:55:32 Ms. Duncan, LFD

00:56:51 Sen. Wanzenried

00:57:06 Ms. Duncan

00:57:08 Sen. Wanzenried

00:57:13 Ms. Duncan

00:57:41 Chairman Lewis

00:57:57 Rep. Sesso

00:58:36 Sen. Barrett

00:58:52 Rep. Sesso

00:59:19 Sen. Barrett

00:59:34 Rep. Sesso

01:01:30 Sen. Hawks

01:01:55 Mr. Triem

01:03:15 Sen. Keane

01:04:02 Rep. Sesso

01:04:13 Sen. Wanzenried

01:04:32 Chairman Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:58 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:48 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:40 Ray Beck, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:09:16 Maureen Connor, Granite County Commission

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01:09:46 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

01:10:06 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

01:10:50 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

01:11:29 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users Association

EXHIBIT(fcs73a05)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:27 Sen. Riipley

01:16:07 Rep. McChesney

01:16:38 Alice Stanley, Resource Development Bureau, DNRC

01:18:01 Sen. Ripley

01:18:30 Ms. Stanley, DNRC

01:19:21 Sen. Hamlett

01:19:44 Rep. McChesney

01:20:00 Ms. Stanley

01:21:39 Sen. Hamlett

01:21:55 Ms. Stanley

01:22:41 Sen. Hamlett

01:22:54 Ms. Stanley

01:23:43 Sen. Hamlett

01:24:38 Sen. Keane

01:25:15 Rep. McChesney

01:25:42 Sen. Keane

01:25:48 Rep. McChesney

01:26:08 Sen. Keane
01:26:15 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:27:33 Sen. Keane
01:27:56 Rep. McChesney
01:28:10 Chairman Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:32 Rep. McChesney

01:30:25 Chairman Lewis
01:30:51 Sen. Ripley
01:31:03 Chairman Lewis

Legislative Fiscal Division Handouts

[EXHIBIT\(fcs73a06\)](#)

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:35 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs73aad.pdf](#))