

BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, January 20, 2011
Place: Capitol

Time: 5:00 P.M.
Room: 317-C

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 1 - Feed bill

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

HB 1

Comments:



SEN. Dave Lewis, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE
 ROLL CALL
 FINANCE AND CLAIMS
 COMMITTEE

DATE: January 20, 2011

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
Chairman Lewis	✓	
Vice Chair Ripley		✓
Senator Barrett		✓
Senator Brenden		✓
Senator Brown	✓	
Senator Buttrey	✓	
Senator Caferro	✓	
Senator Gallus	✓	
Senator Hamlett		✓
Senator Hawks	✓	
Senator Jones	✓	
Senator Keane	✓	
Senator Olson	✓	
Senator Priest	✓	
Senator Sonju	✓	
Senator Walker	✓	
Senator Wanzenried		✓
Senator Williams	✓	
Senator Zinke	✓	



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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Finance and Claims** recommend that **House Bill 1** (third reading copy - blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed: _____

Dave Lewis
Senator Dave Lewis, Chair

To be carried by Senator Dave Lewis

And, that such amendments read:

1. Page 1, line 14.
Strike: "\$2,903,732"
Insert: "\$2,827,566"
2. Page 1, line 15.
Strike: "4,687,281"
Insert: "4,609,477"
3. Page 1, line 16.
Strike: "640,237"
Insert: "616,237"
4. Page 1, line 20.
Strike: "\$192,104"
Insert: "\$101,521"
5. Page 1, line 21.
Insert: "334,666"
Insert: "161,000"
6. Page 1, line 22.
Strike: "16,500"
Insert: "7,663"

Committee Vote:

Yes 19, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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Explanation - This amendment represents a 5.14% reduction in the feed bill. (5% represents \$154,792 for the Senate and \$251,097 for the House.)

The Senate reduction is -5.39% representing:

1. A 5% reduction of estimated payments for retirement withholding and purchases from past legislators.
2. A 5% reduction in the total amount of attache salary and benefits budget.
3. Removal of a \$15,000 item for furniture and other expenses during the interim representing a 22.19% decrease for operations and equipment.
4. A 10% reduction in each of the majority (\$1,000) and minority (\$500) leadership funds.
5. A 9.99% reduction in caucus and start-up costs for the 2013 session.
6. A 4.99% reduction in orientation and training for the 2013 session.
7. A 47.15% reduction in the costs for the 63rd legislature, allowing only for per diem for the first two weeks of session for non-Helena legislators and funding of staff salaried for the first payday. It removes the funding for the legislator pay day of 1/23/2013 necessitating passage of a feed bill in order for legislators to be paid salary. (This is how it had been done before 2009 when we included costs for the first payday of the 2011 session.)

Explanation - The House reduction is -5.01% representing:

1. A 5% reduction of estimated payments for retirement withholding and purchases from past legislators.
2. A 5% reduction in the total amount of attache salary and benefits budget.
3. Removal of a \$15,000 item for furniture and other expenses during the interim representing a 19.89% decrease for operations and equipment.
4. A 10% reduction in each of the majority (\$1,000) and minority (\$500) leadership funds.
5. A 10% reduction in caucus and start-up costs for the 2013 session.
6. A 5% reduction in orientation and training for the 2013 session.
7. A 51.89% reduction in the costs for the 63rd legislature, allowing only for per diem for the first two weeks of session for non-Helena legislators and funding of staff salaried for the first payday. It removes the funding for the legislator pay day of 1/23/2013 necessitating passage of a feed bill in order for legislators to be paid salary. (This is how it had been done before 2009 when we included costs for the first payday of the

2011 session.)

There is also a 5% reduction from the Legislative Services Division line item, a reduction of \$24,000 of the legislator technology allowance, and a reduction of \$9,837 from the succeeding 63rd session costs.

MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call Vote
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

DATE 1-20-11 BILL NO HB 1 MOTION NO. _____
 MOTION: HB 1 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED

<u>NAME</u>	AYE	NO	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR DEBBY BARRETT	✓		✓
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN	✓		✓
SENATOR TAYLOR BROWN	✓		
SENATOR EDWARD BUTTREY	✓		
SENATOR MARY CAFERRO	✓		
SENATOR STEVE GALLUS	✓		
SENATOR BRADLEY HAMLETT	✓		✓
SENATOR BOB HAWKS	✓		
SENATOR LEW JONES	✓		
SENATOR JIM KEANE	✓		
SENATOR ALAN OLSON	✓		
SENATOR JASON PRIEST	✓		
SENATOR JON SONJU	✓		
SENATOR EDWARD WALKER	✓		
SENATOR DAVID WANZENRIED	✓		✓
SENATOR CAROL WILLIAMS	✓		
SENATOR RYAN ZINKE	✓		
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, CHAIRMAN	✓		✓
SENATOR DAVE LEWIS, CHAIRMAN	✓		

