

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Gary MacLaren, on January 13, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

00:00:19

#### 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. 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. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Tom Berry (R)

**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: HB 61, 1/10/2011; HB 62, 1/10/2011; HB 181, 1/10/2011

**HEARING ON HB 181****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:21 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 181, Allow condo unit to be individually counted towards municipal zoning protest.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:21 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:06:51 John McDonald, City of Missoula

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:47 Rep. Pat Ingraham  
00:11:49 Rep. Arntzen  
00:14:11 Rep. Jerry O'Neil  
00:14:59 Rep. Arntzen  
00:16:32 Rep. O'Neil  
00:16:47 Rep. Arntzen  
00:17:40 Rep. Matthew Rosendale  
00:18:36 Rep. Arntzen  
00:18:51 Rep. Rosendale  
00:18:57 Rep. Arntzen  
00:20:05 Rep. Dick Barrett  
00:20:31 Rep. Arntzen  
00:21:38 Rep. Barrett  
00:22:18 Helen Thigpen  
00:22:27 Rep. Ingraham  
00:23:08 Rep. Arntzen  
00:23:58 Chairman MacLaren  
00:24:15 Rep. Arntzen  
00:25:00 Chairman MacLaren  
00:25:07 Rep. Arntzen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:59 Rep. Arntzen

**HEARING ON HB 62**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:44 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 62, Repeal procedures to challenge municipal sewer system rates.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:16 Chairman Bill Gallagher, Public Service Commission

**EXHIBIT(loh10a01)**

00:32:18 Alec Hanson, Montana League of City and Towns

00:34:31 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:35:32 Rep. O'Neil

00:35:43 Chairman Gallagher, PSC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:36:29 Rep. MacLaren

**HEARING ON HB 61**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:58 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 61, Allow local jurisdictions to set lower speed limits on unpaved roads.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:06 Sheryl Wood, MACo

00:38:59 Maureen Connor, Granite County Commission

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:39 Vice Chairman Michele Reinhart  
00:42:09 Rep. MacLaren  
00:42:52 Rep. Reinhart  
00:43:06 Rep. MacLaren  
00:43:12 Rep. Kristin Hansen  
00:43:39 Rep. MacLaren  
00:43:53 Rep. Ingraham  
00:44:15 Helen Thigpen  
00:44:51 Rep. Hansen  
00:45:09 Sheryl Wood, MACo  
00:46:05 Rep. Barrett  
00:46:30 Rep. MacLaren  
00:47:25 Meeting stopped for technical difficulties.  
00:49:00 Meeting Resumed.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:48 Rep. MacLaren

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:53:33

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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