

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Gary MacLaren, on January 25, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

00:00:07

#### 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. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Kris Hansen (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (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. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. James Knox (R) Rep. Wayne Stahl (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 123, 1/20/2011; HB 211, 1/20/2011; HB 212, 1/20/2011

**HEARING ON HB 123**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:10 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 123, Revise county and school district budgeting time lines.

[EXHIBIT\(loh19a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh19a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh19a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:29 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties ( MACo)  
(Rep. Stahl joined meeting)

00:11:04 Allen Peura, Deputy Director Department of Revenue

00:13:59 Mary Eillen Fitzgerald, Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools

00:17:27 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association, testified and stated that Ronda Wiggers asked that he go on record for her in support.

00:19:22 Lynda Brannon, School Business Officials

00:21:04 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:08 Denise Ulburg

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:39 Rep. McNalley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:15 Rep. McClafferty

**HEARING ON HB 211**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:30 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 211, Revise laws relating to municipal general obligation bonds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:44 Alec Hansen

00:31:39 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:32 Rep. Reinhart

00:32:48 Rep. Ingraham

00:32:55 Rep. Rosendale

00:33:21 Alec Hansen

00:34:26 Rep. Rosendale

00:34:43 Alec Hansen  
00:35:04 Rep. Reinhart  
00:35:20 Alec Hansen  
00:36:19 Rep. MacLaren  
00:36:37 Alec Hansen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:32 Rep. Ingraham closed.

**HEARING ON HB 212**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:49 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 212, Eliminate county classification.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:09 Harold Blattie, MACo

[EXHIBIT\(loh19a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:48 Rep. Ingraham closed.

00:52:42 Helena Thigpen

[EXHIBIT\(loh19a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh19a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(loh19a07\)](#)

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00:54:34 Chairman MacLaren

00:56:04 Rep. Berry

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:56:38      Adjournment:

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh19aad.pdf](#))**