

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Michael Moore, on March 8, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Michael (Mike) More, Vice Chair (R)  
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. 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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gary MacLaren, Chair (R) Rep. Kathy Swanson (D),  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chair (D), 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: SB 128, 2/22/2011; SB 146, 2/22/2011; SB 173, 2/22/2011

**HEARING ON SB 173****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:26 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 173, Revise laws regarding shooting ranges.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:23 Mark Staples

[EXHIBIT\(loh52a01\)](#)

00:03:40 Rep. Reinhart joined meeting

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:56 Rep. Hansen

00:09:36 Sen. Tutvedt

00:09:50 Mark Staples

00:10:27 Rep. Hansen

00:10:50 Mark Staples

00:11:12 Helen Thigpen

00:11:42 Rep. Reinhart

00:12:01 Mark Staples

00:12:39 Rep. Reinhart

00:12:50 Mark Staples

00:13:48 Rep. Reinhart

00:14:07 Mark Staples

00:14:10 Rep. Vance joined meeting

00:15:18 Rep. Malek

00:15:37 Mark Staples

00:16:23 Helen Thigpen

00:16:33 Rep. Malek

00:16:38 Helen Thigpen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:56 Sen. Tutvelt

**HEARING ON SB 146****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:52 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 146, Regulate the use of private transfer fee covenants.

[EXHIBIT\(loh52a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:37 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association

00:22:57 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors

00:24:24 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

00:25:42 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:56 Sen. Lake

**HEARING ON SB 128**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:19 Sen. Bob Lake (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 128, Exempt fire department emergency wells from permitting.

00:30:00 Rep. MacLaren joined meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:58 Rep. Ron Eli

00:32:21 Brad Mohn

00:33:16 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance

00:33:45 Tim Davis, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:35:05 Rep. Ingraham

00:35:36 Tim Davis

00:36:37 Rep. Reinhart

00:37:05 Brad Mohn

00:37:45 Rep. Reinhart

00:37:55 Brad Mohn

00:38:12 Rep. Reinhart

00:38:29 Brad Mohn

00:39:06 Rep. Reinhart

00:39:15 Brad Mohn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:39 Sen. Lake

**EXHIBIT(loh52a03)**

00:41:30 Rep. MacLaren

00:41:52 Helen Thigpen

**EXHIBIT(loh52a04)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:43:38

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([loh52aad.pdf](#))**