

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on February 3, 2011 at 5:00 p.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. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: 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: SB 129, 28/2011; SB 198, 1/26/2011

HEARING ON SB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:42 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 198, Revise fiscal note law.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs27a05\)](#)

Sen. Hawks, Sen. Jones, Sen. Priest and Sen. Walker now present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:25 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:03 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
Sen. Sonju now present

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:53 Sen. Hawks
00:23:19 Sen. Balyeat
00:25:35 Sen. Hawks
00:26:19 Sen. Balyeat
00:27:51 Sen. Priest
00:28:38 Sen. Balyeat
00:30:26 Sen. Priest
00:31:13 Sen. Balyeat
00:32:38 Sen. Brown
00:34:12 Sen. Balyeat
00:36:22 Sen. Walker
00:36:30 Ms. Sassano, OBPP
00:37:01 Sen. Walker
00:37:20 Ms. Sassano

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:27 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 129**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:29 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 129, Referendum to limit state employee salaries and benefits.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:06 Paula Stoll, Administrator, State Human Resources Division
EXHIBIT(fcs27a06)
01:03:05 Tim Burton, Department of Justice
01:08:16 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association
01:08:49 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:13:13 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
01:20:04 Jim McGarvey, Montana State AFL-CIO
01:21:30 John McKuen, representing himself
01:24:23 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
01:26:46 John Forkan, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
01:27:42 Shannon Lewis, representing herself

Informational Testimony:

01:28:50 Amy Sessano, Office of Budget and Program Planning
01:29:10 Barb Wagner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
EXHIBIT(fcs27a07)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:59 Sen. Sonju
01:32:15 Ms. Quinlan, OPI
01:33:07 Sen. Sonju
01:33:08 Ms. Quinlan
01:34:07 Sen. Buttrey
01:34:28 Ms. Stall
01:34:51 Sen. Buttrey
01:34:59 Ms. Stall
01:35:30 Sen. Buttrey
01:36:07 Ms. Stall
01:36:33 Sen. Brown
01:37:09 Sen. Lewis
01:39:06 Sen. Brown
01:39:36 Sen. Lewis
01:40:16 Sen. Brown

01:40:42 Ms. Stall
01:41:36 Sen. Brown
01:42:18 Ms. Stall
01:42:57 Sen. Priest
01:43:26 Ms. Stall
01:44:11 Sen. Priest
01:44:36 Ms. Stall
01:45:01 Sen. Zinke
01:45:27 Ms. Stall
01:46:52 Sen. Zinke
01:47:20 Ms. Stall
01:47:49 Sen. Barrett
01:48:08 Sen. Lewis
01:48:41 Sen. Barrett
01:49:01 Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:59 Sen. Lewis

[**EXHIBIT\(fcs27a08\)**](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:56

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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