

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on March 15, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

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 328, 3/2/2011; SB 282, 3/2/2011

HEARING ON SB 328**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:22 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 328, Require PERS new hires to be in DC plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:13 Dan Artz
EXHIBIT(fcs58a01)
00:12:11 Acting Chair Barrett
00:12:16 Mr. Artz
00:14:05 Sen. Williams
00:14:12 Mr. Artz

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:22 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT
00:20:30 Roxanne Minnehan, Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB) and Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)
EXHIBIT(fcs58a02)
EXHIBIT(fcs58a03)
00:33:54 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)
00:37:06 John Forkan, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
00:38:38 Jason Miller, Teamsters Local 190
00:39:33 Jay Reardon, Laborers Local 1636
00:39:59 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMRPE)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:51 Sen. Brown
00:41:40 Mr. Schneider, MPEA
00:54:24 Sen. Brenden
00:55:20 Mr. Schneider
00:56:26 Sen. Brenden
00:56:57 Sen. Lewis
00:57:26 Sen. Brenden
00:57:43 Sen. Hawks
00:59:24 Ms. Minnehan, PERB and MPERA
01:00:23 Sen. Hawks
01:00:40 Ms. Minnehan
01:01:45 Sen. Keane
01:02:31 Mr. Reardon, Laborers Local 1636
01:03:10 Sen. Keane

01:03:29 Mr. Reardon
01:04:42 Sen. Priest
01:05:29 Mr. Schneider
01:06:51 Sen. Priest
01:07:30 Mr. Schneider
01:10:38 Sen. Priest
01:11:49 Ms. Minnehan
01:14:26 Sen. Priest
01:14:52 Ms. Minnehan
01:15:44 Sen. Priest
01:16:16 Mr. Schneider
01:17:54 Sen. Priest
01:18:01 Mr. Schneider

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:17 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 282

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:21:49 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 282, Provide for student scholarship organizations and tax credits for donations.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:47 Pat Wagman, Montana Family Foundation
01:51:26 Dale Buwalda, Foundation for Educational Choice
02:01:35 Gene Dziza, Kalispell
02:05:48 Sharon Nason, Licensed Professional Counselor, representing her grandchildren
02:09:15 Patrick Haggerty, Superintendent, Montana Catholic Schools and Montana Association of Private Schools

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a05\)](#)

02:13:10 Jeff Lazloffy, Montana Family Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:19:34 Denise Juneau, State Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a07\)](#)

02:30:30 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a08\)](#)

02:40:16 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

02:47:44 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

02:50:16 Sarah Wilhelm, Montana Budget and Policy Center

Informational Testimony:

02:54:30 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:57:48 Sen. Lewis

Additional Exhibit SB 328

[EXHIBIT](#)(fcs58a09)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:02 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs58aad.pdf](#))