

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Jon Sonju, on March 23, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Art Wittich, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 41, 3/16/2011; HB 529, 3/16/2011
Executive Action: HB 41 Do Concur
HB 123 Do Concur
HB 391 Do Concur
HB 522 Do Concur As Amended
HB 529 Do Concur

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 522

00:01:18 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 522 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:01:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 522 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXHIBIT(los65a01)

00:02:03 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 522 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:02:14 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:02:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Mowbray will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 391

00:03:34 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved that **HB 391 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:03:50 Sen. Olson

00:04:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Olson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

00:04:32 **Motion:** Sen. Augare moved that **HB 123 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:04:43 Sen. Augare

00:05:10 Leanne Kurtz, LSD

00:06:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Gallus will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 366

00:07:12 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 366 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:07:22 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 366 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(los65a02)

Discussion:

00:07:46 Sen. Buttrey
00:09:11 Sen. Moss
00:09:19 Linda Stoll, representing Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)
00:09:36 Sen. Olson
00:09:53 Sen. Buttrey
00:09:57 Sen. Vuckovich entered the committee room
00:10:37 Glenn Oppel, representing Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
00:11:50 Sen. Vuckovich
00:12:13 Glenn Oppel, MAR
00:13:19 Sen. Augare
00:13:36 Chairman Sonju
00:13:43 Leanne Kurtz, LSD

00:14:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Augare, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Moss and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Wittich voted by proxy.

00:15:05 Sen. Buttrey withdraws motion that **HB 366 BE CONCURRED IN**

00:15:12 Chairman Sonju

HEARING ON HB 529

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:01 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 529, Revise certain document fees for mining claims.
00:16:29 Sen. Augare left the committee room

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:56 Linda Stoll, MACR
00:17:56 Blanche McLure, Clerk and Recorder, Granite County

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:51 Rep. Stahl

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:05 Rep. Wayne Stahl (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 41, Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:17 Paul Christofferson, Administrator, Accounting Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:08 Rep. Stahl

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 41

00:23:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved that **HB 41 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Moss will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 529

00:23:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HB 529 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote of those present and voting. Sen. Wittich will carry the bill.

Discussion:

00:24:59 Chairman Sonju

00:25:50 Sen. Buttrey

00:26:10 Vice Chair Wittich entered the committee room

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 494

00:26:53 **Motion:** Sen. Wittich moved that **HB 494 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:27:22 **Motion:** Sen. Wittich moved that **HB 494 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(los65a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:27:37 Vice Chair Wittich
 00:30:31 Sen. Moss
 00:30:44 Vice Chair Wittich
 00:30:48 Sen. Olson left the committee room
 00:30:50 Leanne Kurtz, LSD
 00:31:12 Sen. Buttrey
 00:31:52 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:32:53 Sen. Moss
 00:33:04 Harold Blattie, MACo
 00:33:25 Sen. Gallus
 00:33:41 Vice Chair Wittich
 00:35:03 Sen. Gallus
 00:36:11 Vice Chair Wittich
 00:37:47 Dustin Stewart, representing Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
 00:38:28 Chairman Sonju

 00:38:34 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Olson, Sen. Sonju, Sen. Tutvedt and Sen. Wittich voting aye. Sen. Augare, Sen. Olson and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:39:52 Leanne Kurtz, LSD

00:40:11 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **HB 494 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(los65a04\)](#)

Discussion:

00:40:40 Leanne Kurtz
 00:41:46 Sen. Olson returned to committee meeting
 00:42:45 Chairman Sonju

 00:43:30 Sen. Gallus withdraws motion that **HB 494 BE AMENDED**

 00:43:32 Vice Chair Wittich withdraws motion that **HB 494 BE CONCURRED IN**

Discussion:

00:43:35 Chairman Sonju
 00:44:51 Vice Chair Wittich
 00:45:25 Sen. Buttrey
 00:45:51 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

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00:47:56

Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los65aad.pdf](#))