

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Rick Ripley, on January 14, 2013 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Rick Ripley, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Jason Priest (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb (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 49, 1/9/2013; SB 58, 1/9/2013; SB 59, 1/9/2013; SB 63,  
1/9/2013

**Committee Business:**

00:00:05 Chairman Ripley

00:01:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brendan moved that **THE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE ABSENT MEMBERS TO VOTE BY PROXY**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:01:39 Chairman Ripley

00:04:02 Sen. Wanzenried

00:04:24 Chairman Ripley

00:04:40 Sen. Wanzenried

00:05:18 Chairman Ripley

00:05:56 Sen. Buttrey

00:06:09 Sen. Sesso

00:07:19 Chairman Ripley

**HEARING ON SB 59**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:46 Sen. Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 59, Remove certain restrictions on I-149 and I-155 funding uses. Sen. Jergeson requested an adverse committee report as the bill was unnecessary.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:30 Sen. Jergeson

**HEARING ON SB 58**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:44 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 58, Transfer money to the endowment for children.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:16:38 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Churches

00:18:10 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy, SD 16

00:19:32 Bette Hall-Munger, representing herself

[EXHIBIT\(fcs06a01\)](#)

00:23:14 Betty Hidalgo, Chairman, Children's Trust Fund Board

[EXHIBIT\(fcs06a02\)](#)

00:27:32 Mary Gallagher, Vice Chair, Children's Trust Fund Board  
(see *Exhibit 2*)

00:37:56 Melisa Synness, Executive Director, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

[EXHIBIT\(fcs06a03\)](#)

00:40:51 Daylyn Porter, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies' Montana Purple Program

00:42:45 Nancy Staigmilller, representing herself

00:44:51 Lora Cowee, Intermountain Childrens' Home

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:16 Sen. Olson  
00:46:20 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:49:46 Sen. Moore  
00:50:13 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:50:55 Sen. Walker  
00:52:02 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:52:40 Sen. Walker  
00:52:54 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:53:04 Sen. Caferro  
00:54:03 Sen. Windy Boy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:56:58 Sen. Kaufmann

**HEARING ON SB 63**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:27 Sen. Anders Blewett (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 63, Clarify military death benefit.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:00:04 Major General Matt Quinn, Adjutant General, Department of Military Affairs  
(DMA)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs06a04\)](#)

01:01:38 Dan Antonetti, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

01:02:27 Jim Higgins, Montana Air National Guard, Retired, and representing Montana National Guard Associations

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

01:03:28 Colonel James P. Moran, Montana National Guard

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:05:27 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:06:18 Sen. Blewett  
01:06:45 Chairman Ripley  
01:06:52 Sen. Blewett  
01:07:18 Sen. Hamlett  
01:07:37 Sen. Blewett  
01:07:51 Colonel Moran  
01:08:33 Sen. Tropila  
01:08:58 Colonel Moran  
01:10:21 Sen. Tropila  
01:10:43 Colonel Moran  
01:11:39 Sen. Keane  
01:11:58 Sen. Blewett  
01:12:07 Sen. Walker  
01:12:17 Major General Quinn  
01:12:32 Colonel Moran

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:13:33 Sen. Blewett

**HEARING ON SB 49**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:14:40 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 49, Revise laws regarding reporting to the legislative finance committee.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:17:34 Sen. Olson  
01:18:26 Sen. Ripley  
01:19:22 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

01:19:50 Sen. Keane  
01:20:22 Ms. Purdy  
01:20:41 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:21:12 Ms. Purdy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:54 Sen. Ripley

**Committee Business:**

01:22:56 Sen. Ripley

01:23:04 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved **TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMITTEE.**

**Discussion:**

01:23:18 Sen. Windy Boy  
01:23:27 Sen. Ripley

01:23:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 7:18 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs06aad.pdf](#))**