

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 14, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** . Sen. Alan Olson(R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, 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 23, 1/9/2013; SB 24, 1/9/2013d; SB 48,1/9/2013

**HEARING ON SB 23****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:22 Sen. Matthew Rosendale (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 23, Revise interim zoning laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:51 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
00:30:04 Bill VanCanagan, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
00:35:42 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
00:39:33 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)  
00:40:33 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)  
00:41:53 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:43:08 Mark Staples, Plum Creek Timber  
00:43:24 Tom Hopgood, Montana Mining Association (MMA)  
00:43:46 Rhonda Wiggers, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce  
00:44:05 Jackie Flikkena, Knife River Corporation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:44:42 Gordon Morris, Lewis & Clark County (LCC)  
00:46:59 Ann Hedges, Montana Environment Information Center (MEIC)  
00:50:54 Casey Perkins, Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC)  
00:54:18 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
00:55:14 Jim Smith, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

**[EXHIBIT\(los06a01\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:59:29 Sen. Barrett  
01:02:43 Sen. Rosendale  
01:04:08 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:05:02 Sen. Rosendale  
01:05:18 Gordon Morris, LCC  
01:06:07 Sen. Malek  
01:06:15 Casey Perkins, MSGC  
01:08:14 Sen. Malek  
01:11:46 Gordon Morris  
01:12:04 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:13:16 Sen. Rosendale  
01:14:02 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:14:33 Bill VanCanagan, MAR  
01:17:18 Chairman Buttrey  
01:17:33 Sen. Malek

01:17:42 Dustin Stewart, MBIA  
01:19:02 Sen. Malek  
01:19:26 Sen. Barrett  
01:22:14 Gordon Morris

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:22:36 Sen. Rosendale

**HEARING ON SB 24**

**01:24:33 Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:24:39 Sen. Matthew Rosendale (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 24, Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel operations.

[EXHIBIT\(los06a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:27:50 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

[EXHIBIT\(los06a03\)](#)

01:32:37 Scott Olson. Helena Sand and Gravel  
01:35:19 Jackie Flikkena, Knife River Corporation  
01:37:30 Sen. Olson entered the hearing.  
01:37:40 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association ( MBIA)  
01:37:56 Chuck Denowh,United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)  
01:38:35 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo/JPIA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:39:08 Jean Riley  
01:41:32 Casey Perkins, Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC)  
01:44:15 Ann Hedges, Montana Environment Information Center (MEIC)  
01:47:34 Jim Smith, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

[EXHIBIT\(los06a04\)](#)

01:49:59 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

**Informational Testimony:**

01:51:17 Ed Coleman, Department of Environment Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:51:39 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:51:58 Cary Hegreberg, MCA  
01:52:53 Sen. Malek

01:55:36 Ed Coleman, DEQ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:55:53 Sen. Rosendale

**HEARING ON SB 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:59:29 Sen. Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 48, Establish regional water system rate process.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:04:19 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
[EXHIBIT\(los06a05\)](#)

02:08:07 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority

02:09:08 Steve Wade, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCRMWA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:11:33 Rick Duncan, Regional Water Systems Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:11:59 Sen. Tutvedt

02:12:16 Rick Duncan, DNRC

02:13:12 Sen. Tutvedt

02:13:20 Sen. Jergeson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:15:56 Sen. Jergeson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:17 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los06aad.pdf](#))**