

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 23, 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. Scott Boulanger (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dick Barrett (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 132, 1/21/2013; SB 146, 1/21/2013; SB 147, 1/21/2013

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

- 00:08:20 Chairman Buttrey
- 00:09:34 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved to **CREATE STUDY RESOLUTION TO COMBINE COUNTY SCHOOLS WITH CITY ELECTIONS.**
- 00:10:21 Chairman Buttrey  
00:10:30 Sen. Augere
- 00:10:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.
- 00:12:10 Chairman Buttrey turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Taylor.

**HEARING ON SB 146**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:12:48 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 146, Generally revise subdivision review criteria laws regarding agency comment.  
**EXHIBIT(los14a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 00:15:04 Bill VanCanagan, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
00:18:26 Niki Sardot, representing self  
**EXHIBIT(los14a02)**
- 00:19:17 Austin James, Missoula Organization of Realtors (MOR)  
00:20:51 Greg Chilcott, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:21:26 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:22:20 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
00:22:39 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
00:22:52 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

- 00:23:33 Becky Jakes Dockter, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
00:30:31 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County (LLC)  
00:31:15 Jim Smith, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)  
**EXHIBIT(los14a03)**
- 00:34:04 Casey Perkins, Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC)  
00:36:08 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
00:38:55 Kate Cholewa, City of Missoula  
00:39:19 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)  
00:40:29 Tim Read, Mineral County Planner

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:55 Sen. Malek  
 00:43:28 Sen. Buttrey  
 00:43:58 Sen. Malek  
 00:44:21 Bill VanCanagan, MAR  
 00:45:59 Sen. Malek  
 00:46:35 Becky Jakes Dockter, FWP  
 00:48:47 Sen. Tutvedt  
 00:54:21 Becky Jakes Dockter  
 00:54:40 Sen. Augere  
 00:58:55 Sen. Buttrey  
 00:59:38 Sen. Malek  
 01:03:27 Bill VanCangan  
 01:04:35 Sen. Malek  
 01:08:08 Becky Jakes Dockter  
 01:08:48 Sen. Boulanger  
 01:09:23 Becky Jakes Dockter  
 01:10:35 Chair Taylor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:50 Sen. Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 147**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:13:11 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 147, Generally revise subdivision review criteria laws regarding agriculture.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:14:48 Ron Stoltz, Ravali County Commission  
 01:15:41 Bill VanCanagan, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
 01:24:17 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
 01:27:40 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commission  
 01:28:13 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
 01:28:44 Bret Deschamps, representing self  
 01:33:10 Niki Sardot, representing self  
 01:35:41 Jay Getz, representing self  
 01:36:35 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Land Surveyors (MARLS)  
 01:38:47 Ruth Link, Missoula Organization of Realtors (MOR)  
 01:40:25 Austin James, Montana Associaton of Realtors (MAR)  
 01:42:46 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
 01:43:28 Sen. Barrett entered the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:44:56 Bonnie Buckingham, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

01:50:33 Kate Cholwea, City of Missoula  
01:52:54 Jim Smith, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

**EXHIBIT(los14a04)**

01:55:42 Annie Heuscher, Ag Land Network of Montana (ALNOM)  
02:00:50 Casey Perkins, Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC)  
02:04:16 Kasie Herron, Missoula County  
02:05:35 Laura Ginsburg, representing self  
02:07:04 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana (GM)  
02:07:53 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)  
02:08:14 Ross Proseri, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:09:32 Sen. Boulanger  
02:10:04 Sen. Buttrey  
02:10:30 Sen. Malek  
02:14:12 Bonnie Buckingham, MFU

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:15:06 Sen. Buttrey  
02:18:00 Sen. Buttrey returned as Chairman.

**HEARING ON SB 132**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:19:11 Sen. Greg Jergeson (D), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 132, Revise statutory dates related to filling mid-term county elected office.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:24:17 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
**EXHIBIT(los14a05)**  
02:28:23 Gordon Morris, representing self  
02:28:57 Alan Miller, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:31:06 Sen. Malek  
02:31:22 Harold Blattie, MACo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:32:02      Sen. Jergeson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:33 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los14aad.pdf](#))**