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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Rick Ripley, on March 6, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Ripley, Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Walker, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (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: HB 8, 2/28/2013; HB 203, 2/28/2013; HB 210, 2/28/2013

HEARING ON HB 8**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:56 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable resource bonds and loans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:34 Steve Wade, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCRMWA) and Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)

00:17:04 Sen. Sesso, Sen. Olson, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Brendan and Sen. Jones joined the meeting.

00:20:12 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Regional Water System (DPRWS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:22:15 Director John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:22:34 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs48a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:09 Sen. Brendan

00:24:47 Mr. Wade, NCRMWA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:26 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 203**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:13 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 203, Revise direct state aid to public libraries.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:19 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association (MLA)

00:30:40 Susan Good Geise, Lewis and Clark Library Augusta

00:33:45 Sen. Olson left the meeting.

00:35:12 Judy Hart, Montana Library Association (MLA)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs48a02\)](#)

00:43:01 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:49 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, Montana State Library (MSL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:15 Sen. Keane
00:45:54 Rep. Clark
00:46:39 Sen. Keane
00:46:42 Sen. Jones
00:47:54 Sen. Olson entered the meeting.
00:48:12 Sen. Brenden
00:48:29 Rep. Clark
00:48:58 Sen. Sesso
00:49:45 Rep. Clark
00:50:35 Sen. Sesso
00:51:16 Rep. Clark
00:51:24 Ms. Gilbertson, MLA
00:51:48 Sen. Sesso
00:52:09 Ms. Gilbertson
00:52:29 Sen. Sesso
00:52:46 Ms. Gilbertson
00:53:15 Chairman Ripley
00:53:22 Sen. Keane
00:53:46 Rep. Clark
00:54:29 Sen. Tropila
00:55:08 Sen. Webb left the meeting.
00:55:26 Ms. Hart, MLA
00:55:46 Sen. Tropila
00:55:53 Ms. Stapp, MSL
00:56:09 Sen. Tropila

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:32 Rep. Clark

HEARING ON HB 210

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:56 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 210, Revise Montana digital academy funding and provide an appropriation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:40 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs48a03\)](#)

01:03:21 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
01:04:42 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
01:05:02 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:07:07 Bob Vogle, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)
01:08:42 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:10:08 Robert Currie, Executive Director, Montana Digital Academy, University of Montana (MDA UM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:46 Sen. Brendan
01:11:39 Sen. Buttrey entered the meeting.
01:11:43 Mr. Ferro, MEA-MFT
01:12:04 Sen. Brendan
01:12:26 Mr. Ferro
01:12:33 Chairman Ripley
01:12:52 Mr. Parman, OPI
01:13:08 Mr. Currie, MDA UM
01:14:31 Sen. Brendan
01:14:47 Mr. Currie
01:15:46 Sen. Moore
01:15:59 Mr. Currie
01:16:59 Sen. Moore
01:17:11 Mr. Currie
01:17:58 Sen. Rosendale
01:18:15 Mr. Currie
01:18:41 Sen. Caferro
01:19:35 Rep. McClafferty
01:21:01 Sen. Caferro
01:21:27 Rep. McClafferty
01:21:54 Sen. Windy Boy
01:22:34 Mr. Parman
01:23:50 Sen. Windy Boy
01:24:34 Mr. Currie
01:26:05 Sen. Hamlett
01:26:39 Rep. McClafferty
01:26:50 Sen. Webb
01:27:12 Mr. Currie

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:41 Rep. McClafferty

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:16 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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