

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 11, 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. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (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: HB 146, 3/27/2013; HB 154, 3/27/2013

HEARING ON HB 154

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:01 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 154, Enable county attorney to act as legal advisor to irrigation board if requested.

[EXHIBIT\(los52a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:58 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:30:22 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:31:39 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorney's Association (MCAA)

[EXHIBIT\(los52a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:01 Sen. Augare
00:35:52 Larry Epstein, MCAA
00:36:18 Sen. Boulanger
00:36:34 Larry Epstein
00:37:05 Sen. Vuckovich
00:37:54 Rep. Moore
00:39:18 Sen. Malek
00:40:55 Rep. Moore
00:41:15 Sen. Vuckovich
00:41:50 Rep. Moore
00:42:08 Sen. Buttrey
00:43:27 Maureen Connor, MACo
00:44:27 Sen. Buttrey
00:45:38 Larry Epstein

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:02 Rep. Moore

HEARING ON HB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:24 Rep. Kris Hansen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 146, Generally revise laws related to solid waste licenses and fees.

[EXHIBIT\(los52a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:52 Clay Vincent, Hill County Sanitation (HCS)

[EXHIBIT\(los52a04\)](#)

01:08:24 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:09:17 Ed Thamke, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:43 Sen. Boulanger

01:12:12 Rep. Hansen

01:13:54 Sen. Buttrey

01:14:18 Ed Thamke, DEQ

01:14:59 Sen. Malek

01:17:03 Chairman Buttrey turned over chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Taylor.

01:17:48 Ed Thamke

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:24 Rep. Hansen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:03 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([los52aad.pdf](#))