

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Rick Ripley, on March 12, 2013 at 11:00 A.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. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (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 6, 3/8/2013; HB 7, 3/8/2013

Executive Action: HB 210 Be Concurred In; HB 203 Be Concurred In as Amended

HEARING ON HB 6**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:44 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:19 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
00:17:13 Sen. Olson and Sen. Moore entered the meeting.
00:17:55 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)
00:18:23 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:19:28 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:20:17 Ray Beck, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:20:37 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs53a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:10 Sen. Sesso
00:23:23 Mr. Beck, DNRC
00:24:19 Sen. Lewis
00:24:43 Mr. Beck
00:24:58 Rep. Cook
00:25:20 Sen. Sesso
00:26:22 Mr. Beck
00:26:50 Sen. Sesso
00:28:12 Mr. Beck
00:28:25 Sen. Rosendale
00:28:46 Mr. Beck
00:29:02 Pam Smith, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:29:47 Sen. Rosendale

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:10 Rep. Cook

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

00:30:52 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable resource bonds and loans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:36 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
00:33:18 Ray Beck, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:33:33 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:34:16 Shelby Demars, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
00:34:44 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:35:11 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:35:54 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs53a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:44 Sen. Webb
00:37:18 Rep. Cook
00:37:33 Alicia Stickney, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:38:37 Sen. Webb
00:38:49 Ms. Stickney, DNRC
00:39:46 Sen. Webb
00:39:56 Sen. Olson
00:40:19 Ms. Stickney
00:41:22 Sen. Olson
00:41:41 Sen. Lewis
00:42:41 Sen. Olson
00:43:30 Ms. Stickney
00:44:01 Sen. Olson
00:44:21 Rep. Cook
00:44:56 Sen. Olson
00:45:02 Rep. Cook
00:45:18 Sen. Walker
00:45:47 Ms. Stickney
00:46:38 Sen. Walker
00:47:26 Sen. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:10 Rep. Cook

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 210

00:50:33 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **HB 210 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:50:41 Sen. Jones
00:51:46 Sen. Moore
00:52:23 Sen. Jones
00:54:30 Sen. Brenden
00:55:18 Chairman Ripley
00:55:24 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:55:58 Sen. Hamlett
00:56:15 Sen. Olson
00:57:04 Chairman Ripley

00:57:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 20-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Priest and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Olson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 203

00:58:35 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **HB 203 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:58:45 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 203 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs53a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:59:19 Sen. Tropila
00:59:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-4 by voice vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sesso, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Essmann and Sen. Priest were excused.

00:59:53 **Motion:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **HB 203 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fcs53a04\)](#)

Discussion:

01:00:07 Sen. Jones
01:01:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Essmann and Sen. Priest were excused.
01:01:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **HB 203 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Essmann and Sen. Priest were excused. Sen. Jones will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:10 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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