

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Rick Ripley, on March 26, 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. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 101, 3/22/2013; HB 336, 3/22/2013; SB 355, 3/25/13; HB 517, 3/22/2013

Executive Action: HB 97 Postponed Action; SB 355 Do Pass

HEARING ON HB 101**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:47 Rep. Ron Ehli (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 101, Increase reimbursement rates for children's medicaid mental health services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:40 Sheila Smith, Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC)
00:25:06 Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Windy Boy entered the meeting.
00:29:59 Erin McGowan Fincham, Montana Children's Initiative

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:31:37 Robert Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:55 Sen. Windy Boy
00:32:18 Mr. Miller, LFD
00:32:47 Sen. Windy Boy
00:33:21 Ms. Smith, WMMHC
00:34:14 Sen. Windy Boy
00:34:24 Ms. Smith
00:34:29 Sen. Sesso
00:35:21 Ms. Smith
00:37:30 Sen. Sesso
00:38:32 Rep. Ehli
00:39:41 Sen. Jones entered the meeting.
00:39:54 Sen. Sesso
00:40:35 Rep. Ehli
00:41:09 Sen. Brenden
00:41:41 Rep. Ehli
00:41:47 Sen. Walker
00:42:44 Rep. Ehli
00:43:11 Sen. Webb
00:43:30 Rep. Ehli
00:44:15 Sen. Tropila
00:44:59 Rep. Ehli
00:45:23 Sen. Caferro
00:47:45 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:20 Rep. Ehli

HEARING ON HB 336

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:30 Rep. Steve Gibson (R), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 336, Generally revise highway patrol retirement system laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:13 John Bennion, Montana Department of Justice, Office of Attorney General (AG)

00:54:31 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

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00:57:45 Tim Proctor, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP), Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

00:59:43 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

01:00:09 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:01:31 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:11 Sen. Lewis

01:04:36 Rep. Gibson

01:04:48 Sen. Caferro

01:06:56 Rep. Gibson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:10 Rep. Gibson

Sen. Jones left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:40 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 355, Water court review of claims exempt from filing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:09:38 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:41 Sen. Hamlett

Committee Business:

01:11:50 Sen. Tropila

01:12:06 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division, LFD

01:12:50 Sen. Tropila

01:13:04 Ms. Purdy, LFD

HEARING ON HB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:55 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 517, Revise natural resources operation account revenue sources.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:12 Sen. Brenden

01:18:09 Rep. Cuffe

01:18:31 Sen. Tropila

01:18:48 Rep. Cuffe

01:19:25 Sen. Hamlett

01:19:45 Rep. Cuffe

01:20:21 Sen. Hamlett

01:20:53 Sen. Olson

01:21:28 Rep. Cuffe

01:21:53 Sen. Olson

01:22:13 Chairman Ripley

01:22:41 Rep. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:22 Rep. Cuffe

Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Buttrey left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97**Discussion:**

01:25:20 Sen. Sesso
01:26:08 Chairman Ripley
01:26:28 Sen. Walker
01:26:40 Chairman Ripley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 355

01:27:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hamlett moved that **SB 355 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-0 by voice vote. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Jones, Sen. Keane, Sen. Moore, Sen. Priest, Sen. Rosendale and Sen. Wanzenried were excused.

Committee Business:

01:29:29 Sen. Buttrey and Sen. Wanzenried entered the meeting.
01:29:32 Sen. Brenden
01:29:44 Chairman Ripley
01:29:49 Sen. Sesso
01:30:07 Sen. Wanzenried
01:30:15 Chairman Ripley
01:30:30 Ms. Purdy, LFD
01:30:47 Sen. Lewis
01:31:00 Ms. Purdy
01:31:09 Chairman Ripley
01:31:34 Ms. Purdy
01:31:53 Sen. Caferro
01:31:59 Ms. Purdy
01:32:32 Chairman Ripley
01:32:39 Sen. Caferro

01:32:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Walker moved that **THREE COMMITTEE BILLS TO IMPLEMENT HB 2 BE CREATED**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jones, Sen. Keane, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Moore, Sen. Priest and Sen. Rosendale were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:35 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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