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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Rick Ripley, on March 27, 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. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (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 10 3/25/13; HB 556, 3/22/2013; SB 280 3/26/13

Executive Action: HB 9 Be Concurred In; SB 280 Do Pass

HEARING ON HB 10**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:31 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 10, Long-range information technology appropriations.
00:17:56 Sen. Sesso, Sen. Olson and Sen. Brown entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:47 Tammy LaVigne, Deputy CIO, ITSD, Department of Administration (DOA)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs66a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:19 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:08 Sen. Keane
00:26:27 Jenny Chambers , Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:27:08 Sen. Olson
00:27:37 Ms. LaVigne, DOA
00:27:50 Quinn Ness, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:28:56 Sen. Lewis
00:29:47 Ms. Duncan, LFD
00:30:36 Sen. Jones
00:31:03 Kym Trujillo, Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
00:31:26 Sen. Jones
00:31:33 Ms. Trujillo, COPP
00:32:12 Sen. Brenden
00:32:47 Ms. Trujillo
00:32:54 Sen. Tropila
00:33:16 Ms. LaVigne
00:33:55 Sen. Tropila
00:34:06 Ms. LaVigne
00:34:24 Marvin Eicholtz, General Services Division, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:34:49 Sen. Tropila
00:34:53 Mr. Eicholtz, DOA
00:35:15 Sen. Tropila
00:35:46 Ms. Chambers, DEQ
00:37:23 Sen. Tropila
00:37:31 Ms. Chambers
00:38:21 Sen. Brown
00:40:28 Ms. Trujillo
00:41:15 Sen. Brown
00:41:58 Ms. Trujillo
00:42:49 Sen. Olson

00:43:24 Ms. Chambers
00:48:26 Sen. Olson
00:48:59 Ms. Chambers
00:49:22 Sen. Windy Boy entered the meeting.
00:50:37 Sen. Olson
00:50:54 Ms. Chambers
A00:52:03 Sen. Ripley
00:52:10 Sen. Rosendale
00:52:34 Ms. Chambers
00:53:19 Sen. Rosendale
00:53:28 Ms. Chambers
00:53:51 Sen. Jones left the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:59 Rep. Pomnichowski

HEARING ON HB 556

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:56 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 556, Revise laws related to coal severance tax allocations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:12 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:55 Sen. Sesso
00:59:27 Rep. Cuffe
00:59:49 Sen. Sesso
01:00:04 Rep. Cuffe
01:00:11 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting and Sen. Windy Boy left the meeting.
01:00:25 Sen. Walker
01:00:48 Mr. Tiberi, MACD
01:02:16 Sen. Walker
01:02:24 Mr. Tiberi
01:03:13 Sen. Tropila
01:03:31 Mr. Tiberi
01:03:41 Sen. Tropila
01:04:05 Rep. Cuffe
01:04:27 Christina Butler, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:04:57 Sen. Tropila
01:05:15 Ms. Butler, LFD

01:06:02 Chairman Ripley
01:06:17 Ms. Butler

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:31 Rep. Cuffe
01:07:01 Sen. Caferro left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 280

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:20 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 280, Allow mediation for dispute of property valuation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:09:50 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs66a02\)](#)
01:12:42 Tom Ebzery, Puget Sound Energy, Portland General Electric and Vista Corporation
01:14:23 Greg Chilcott, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:15:51 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:16:43 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:32 Sen. Keane
01:20:01 Mr. Peura, DOR
01:20:19 Sen. Keane
01:20:44 Sen. Thomas
01:22:00 Sen. Keane
01:22:02 Sen. Thomas
01:22:07 Sen. Sesso
01:22:50 Sen. Thomas
01:23:40 Sen. Sesso
01:24:06 Mr. Peura
01:24:25 Sen. Sesso
01:25:02 Mr. Peura
01:25:48 Sen. Tropila
01:26:30 Mr. Peura
01:27:33 Chairman Ripley
01:27:50 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:26 Sen. Thomas

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 280

01:32:19 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved that **SB 280 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:32:33 Sen. Sesso

01:33:23 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:33:53 Sen. Sesso

01:34:14 Sen. Olson

01:34:56 Chairman Ripley

01:35:15 Sen. Windy Boy entered the meeting.

01:35:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Keane voting no. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Jones and Sen. Priest voted by proxy. Sen. Caferro was excused.

Committee Business:

01:35:59 Chairman Ripley

01:36:49 Senator Keane

01:36:54 Chairman Ripley

01:37:02 Sen. Sesso

01:39:35 Chairman Ripley

01:39:41 Sen. Walker

01:39:54 Chairman Ripley

01:40:07 Sen. Keane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9

01:40:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sesso moved that **HB 9 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Essmann, Sen. Moore, Sen. Priest, Sen. Rosendale, Sen. Walker and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Essmann, Sen. Jones and Sen. Priest voted by proxy. Sen. Ripley will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

01:43:26 Sen. Wanzenried

01:43:38 Chairman Ripley

01:43:45 Sen. Windy Boy

01:44:33 Chairman Ripley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:45 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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