

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 10, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, 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 4, 4/8/2015; HB 234, 4/8/2015; HB 6, 4/8/2015; HB 7, 4/8/2015; HB 11, 4/8/2015;

HEARING ON HB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by budget amendment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:12 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:35 Sen. Rosendale
00:08:53 Rep. Ballance
00:10:41 Sen. Rosendale
00:10:51 Rep. Ballance
00:11:12 Sen. Moore
00:11:37 Rep. Ballance
00:12:36 Sen. Moore
00:13:04 Ms. Sassano, OBPP
00:15:06 Sen. Ripley
00:15:41 Rep. Ballance
00:16:03 Sen. Ripley
00:16:23 Rep. Ballance
00:16:54 George Harris, central services administrator, Department of Livestock (DLI)
00:17:40 Sen. Ripley
00:18:01 Mr. Harris, DLI
00:18:41 Sen. Ripley
00:18:57 Mr. Harris
00:19:08 Sen. Brenden
00:19:45 Ms. Sassano
00:20:13 Sen. Brenden
00:20:31 Ms. Sassano
00:20:57 Sen. Taylor
00:21:20 Rep. Ballance
00:22:35 Sen. Hansen
00:23:37 Rep. Ballance
00:25:25 Sen. Hansen
00:26:02 Rep. Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:38 Rep. Ballance

HEARING ON HB 234**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:06 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 234, Generally revise shooting range funding laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:00 Gary Marbut, president, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a01\)](#)

00:38:21 Doug Nulle, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:40:04 Jeff Hagener, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:03 Sen. Phillips
00:46:59 Rep. Ballance
00:49:13 Sen. Phillips
00:49:18 Rep. Ballance
00:49:25 Sen. Keane
00:49:56 Mr. Hagener, FWP
00:50:12 Sen. Keane
00:50:24 Wayde Cooperider, FWP
00:51:34 Sen. Keane
00:51:47 Mr. Cooperider
00:52:51 Sen. Sesso
00:53:39 Rep. Ballance
00:58:08 Sen. Sesso
00:59:20 Rep. Ballance
01:00:09 Sen. Hansen
01:01:34 Rep. Ballance
01:01:45 Sen. Hansen
01:02:12 Rep. Ballance
01:02:37 Sen. Hansen
01:02:51 Mr. Hagener
01:03:29 Sen. Hansen
01:03:53 Mr. Hagener
01:04:17 Sen. Keane
01:04:50 Mr. Hagener
01:05:48 Sen. Keane
01:06:06 Mr. Hagener

01:06:21 Sen. Phillips
 01:06:54 Rep. Ballance
 01:07:29 Sen. Phillips
 01:08:07 Mr. Hagener
 01:08:13 Sen. Phillips
 01:08:31 Mr. Hagener
 01:08:53 Sen. Phillips
 01:10:15 Mr. Marbut, MSSA
 01:12:11 Sen. Phillips
 01:12:47 Mr. Marbut
 01:13:44 Chair Jones
 01:15:36 Rep. Ballance
 01:17:32 Chair Jones
 01:18:12 Sen. Ripley
 01:18:22 Rep. Ballance
 01:18:34 Sen. Rosendale
 01:19:21 Mr. Cooperider
 01:19:33 Sen. Keenan
 01:19:46 Chair Jones
 01:20:23 Mr. Hagener
 01:20:31 Sen. Hansen
 01:20:52 Chair Jones
 01:20:56 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:19 Rep. Ballance

Chair Jones left the meeting. Vice Chair Keenan assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:09 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 6, Provide for renewable resource grants.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:28 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA) and Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)

01:29:03 Elena Evans, executive director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MDCD)

01:29:28 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:30:03 Todd Mitchell, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

01:31:37 Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Water and Sewer District

[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:35:03 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:16 Sen. Taylor
01:37:52 Ms. Duncan, LFD
01:38:00 Sen. Moore
01:38:12 Sen. Sesso
01:38:46 Ms. Duncan
01:39:34 Sen. Sesso
01:40:10 Rep. Cuffe
01:40:25 Sen. Sesso
01:40:58 Rep. Cuffe
01:41:47 Sen. Hamlett
01:42:05 Rep. Cuffe
01:43:23 Sen. Ripley
01:44:01 Sen. Moore
01:44:15 Sen. Ripley
01:44:39 Ms. Duncan
01:45:05 Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:45:20 Sen. Ripley
01:45:27 Sen. Sesso
01:46:30 Sen. Ripley
01:46:35 Sen. Sesso
01:46:51 Vice Chair Keenan
01:46:56 Ms. Johnson, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:12 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:20 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 7, Provide for reclamation and development grants.

EXHIBIT(fcs72a06)

01:51:07 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
01:51:27 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
01:51:44 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:52:02 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:52:43 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:13 Sen. Keane
01:53:40 Rep. Cuffe
01:58:11 Sen. Keane
01:58:20 Ms. Duncan, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:46 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 11

02:00:01 Sen. Sesso

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:00:46 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 11, Revise treasure state endowment program laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs72a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:06:11 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association, Montana Rural Water Systems, and North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCRMWA)
02:07:56 Gary Amestoy, Dry Red Water Regional Water Authority (DRWRWA)
02:09:44 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
02:13:23 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
02:14:01 Steve Wade for Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Regional Water Systems (DPRWS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:14:31 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:15:34 Sen. Windy Boy
02:16:00 Ms. Duncan, LFD
02:16:53 Mr. Amestoy, DRWRWA
02:17:24 Sen. Windy Boy
02:17:40 Sen. Sesso

02:18:29 Rep. Cuffe

02:19:08 Sen. Sesso

02:19:33 Rep. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

02:20:22 Rep. Cuffe

02:22:53 Vice Chair Keenan left the meeting. Sen. Keane assumed the chair.

02:23:13 Rep. Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs72aad.pdf](#))