

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 14, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D) (arrived after roll call)
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)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 89, 4/10/2015; HB 356, 4/10/2015; HB 483, 4/10/2015; HB 389, 4/10/2015; HB 322, 4/10/2015; HB 560, 4/10/2015

Executive Action: HB 11 Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 115 Be Concurred In; HB 123 Be Concurred In; HB 487 Be Concurred in As Amended; HB 89 Be Concurred In; HB 322 Be Concurred In; HB 356 Be Concurred In; HB 389 Be Concurred In; HB 483 Be Concurred In; HB 506 Be Concurred In; HB 251 Motion Only

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 11

00:02:17 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 11 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:02:46 Sen. Keenan

00:02:57 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:04:43 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 11 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(fcs75a01)

Discussion:

00:04:59 Sen. Sesso

00:05:51 Ms. Duncan, LFD

00:06:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

00:06:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 11 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Keenan will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115

00:07:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Caferro will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123

00:08:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 123 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 487

00:08:55 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 487 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:09:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved that **HB 487 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fcs75a02)

00:09:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 487 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Caferro and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Howard will carry the bill.

Sen. Caferro joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:23 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 89, Generally revise human trafficking laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:50 Jon Bennion, Office of the Attorney General (AG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:25 Sen. Hansen
00:15:41 Mr. Bennion, AG
00:16:15 Sen. Hansen
00:16:24 Mr. Bennion
00:16:50 Sen. Phillips
00:17:13 Sen. Sesso
00:17:38 Rep. Dudik

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:05 Rep. Dudick

HEARING ON HB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:02 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 356, Revise funding for career and vocational/technical education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:18 Terry Bouck, Billings Public Schools
[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a03\)](#)

00:22:13 Sen. Taylor Brown, SD 28
[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a04\)](#)

00:24:02 Sen. Elsie Arntzen, SD 26
[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a05\)](#)

00:25:07 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:26:55 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:27:51 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:28:05 Tim Bronk, superintendent, Laurel Public Schools
00:28:45 Tom Moore, assistant superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a06\)](#)

00:32:49 Joe Wilkins, Great Falls Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a07\)](#)

00:34:06 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:34:27 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:56 Sen. Phillips
00:35:15 Sen. Jones
00:35:38 Sen. Keane
00:36:04 Sen. Brown
00:37:25 Sen. Keane
00:37:44 Sen. Sesso
00:38:05 Rep. Jones
00:38:32 Sen. Phillips
00:38:52 Mr. Ferro, MEA-MFT
00:39:16 Sen. Howard
00:39:40 Rep. Jones
00:40:25 Sen. Howard
00:40:27 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:40 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 483

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:49 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 483, Raising pension benefit in VFCA.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:42 John Semple, Montana Fire Alliance

00:50:16 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:52:41 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration
(MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:04 Sen. Keane
00:53:27 Rep. Lieser
00:53:45 Ms. Symons, MPERA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:17 Rep. Lieser

HEARING ON HB 389

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:37 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 389, Require
department of revenue review of tax exempt properties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:37 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:58:18 Liz Moore, Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)
00:58:39 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:17 Sen. Brenden
00:59:29 Sen. Essmann
01:00:05 Sen. Wolken
01:00:23 Sen. Essmann
01:01:14 Sen. Sesso
01:02:20 Sen. Essmann
01:03:41 Sen. Brenden
01:03:59 Sen. Essmann
01:05:01 Sen. Brenden
01:05:09 Sen. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:28 Sen. Essmann

HEARING ON HB 322

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:19 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 322, Create education savings accounts for children with disabilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:46 Brent Mead, Montana Policy Institute (MPI)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:09:50 Dennis Parman, deputy superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:17:28 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

01:22:16 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:32 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 506

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:41 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 506, Allowing microdistilleries to deliver products directly to agency liquor stores.

01:27:28 Sen. Wolken

01:27:55 Rep. Moore

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:17 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:30:54 Steve Swanson, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:18 Sen. Caferro

01:31:33 Rep. Moore

01:31:38 Sen. Caferro

01:32:26 Rep. Moore
01:32:57 Sen. Caferro
01:33:07 Ms. Hensley, MDG
01:35:35 Sen. Caferro
01:36:11 Ms. Hensley
01:37:53 Sen. Taylor
01:38:09 Ms. Hensley
01:39:21 Sen. Hamlett
01:39:48 Rep. Moore
01:39:57 Sen. Webb
01:40:08 Ms. Hensley
01:40:56 Sen. Webb
01:41:03 Ms. Hensley
01:42:01 Sen. Webb
01:42:10 Sen. Wolken
01:42:17 Ms. Hensley
01:42:57 Sen. Keane
01:43:25 Ms. Hensley
01:44:20 Sen. Keane
01:44:44 Ms. Hensley
01:45:15 Sen. Hamlett
01:45:32 Ms. Hensley
01:45:59 Sen. Hamlett
01:46:11 Ms. Hensley
01:47:10 Sen. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:35 Rep. Moore
01:48:41 Chair Jones
01:49:12 Recess
02:06:42 Reconvened

Sen. Windy Boy joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 89

02:07:24 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:07:54 Sen. Ripley
02:07:57 Chair Jones

02:08:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by voice vote with Sen. Blasdell, Sen. Howard, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Ripley, Sen. Rosendale and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Wolken will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 322

02:09:24 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 322 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:09:40 Sen. Keane

02:09:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Wolken voting no. Sen. Hansen will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 356

02:10:54 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 356 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:11:15 Sen. Keane

02:11:39 Sen. Hamlett

02:12:09 Sen. Moore

02:12:34 Sen. Caferro

02:12:53 Sen. Hamlett

02:13:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. T. Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 389

02:13:41 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 389 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:13:54 Sen. Keane

02:14:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Howard, Sen. Keane, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Sesso voting no. Sen. Tutvedt will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 483

02:16:05 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 483 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:16:18 Sen. Keane

02:16:48 Sen. Brenden

02:17:51 Chair Jones

02:17:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan and Sen. Rosendale voting no. Sen. Brenden will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 506

02:18:15 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **HB 506 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:18:28 Sen. Keane

02:18:33 Sen. Windy Boy

02:18:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 251

02:19:12 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HB 251 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

2:19:59 Sen. Keane

02:20:30 Sen. Hansen

02:21:09 Sen. Ripley

02:21:27 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley made a substitute motion **TO ADJOURN.** Substitute Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hansen, Sen. F. Moore, Sen. Taylor and Sen. Windy Boy voting no.

02:21:47 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:33 a.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs75aad.pdf](#))