

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 558**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DALE MAHLUM**, on April 24, 2003 at  
10:00 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dale Mahlum, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dee Brown, Vice-Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)  
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Mary Vandebosch, Legislative Branch  
Mari Prewett, Committee Secretary

**Please Note.** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion  
are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 558, 4/23/2003  
Executive Action:

The Conference Committee Hearing on HB 558 originally met on Wednesday, April 23, 2003. At the hearing REP. DEE BROWN introduced amendments to the bill that would, in essence, return the bill to its original form. The proposed amendments are attached as Exhibit 1. At the time of the original meeting of the Conference Committee the amendments were not adopted.

**EXHIBIT (cch87hb0558a01)**

**SEN. MAHLUM** stated that after the dissolution of the Conference Committee on April 23, 2003, the Senate Committee Members met for further discussion. After careful consideration, the members reached the consensus that they would agree to adopt REP. DEE BROWN'S proposed amendments.

**Motion/Vote: REP. DEE BROWN moved that the AMENDMENTS TO HB 558 BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with SEN. MAHLUM voting no.**

**Motion/Vote: SEN. MAHLUM moved that the CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 558 BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 5-1 with SEN. MAHLUM voting no.**

(This meeting was not taped.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:07 A.M.

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SEN. DALE MAHLUM, Chairman

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MARI PREWETT, Secretary

DM/MP

**EXHIBIT (cch87hb0558aad)**