

**SENATE JOURNAL  
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April 9, 2015

Senate Chambers  
State Capitol

Senate convened at 8:00 a.m. President Barrett presiding. Invocation by Pastor Johnson. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. Forty-eight members present, Senators Sales and Vincent excused. Quorum present.

**BILLS AND JOURNALS**

4/9/2015

Correctly printed: **SR 35, SR 37, SR 51, SJ 24, HB 29, HB 89, HB 196, HB 237, HB 258, HB 337, HB 359, HB 379, HB 506, HB 538, HB 546, HB 553, HB 562, HB 577, HB 587, HB 606, HJ 7.**

Correctly engrossed: **HB 2.**

Correctly enrolled: **SB 183, SB 219, SB 221.**

Examined by the sponsor and found to be correct: **SB 48, SB 101, SB 183.**

Transmitted to the House: **HB 119, HB 211, HB 280, HB 460, HB 470, HB 491, HB 557, HB 578, HJ 16.**

Signed by the Secretary of the Senate at 10:35 a.m., April 9, 2015: **SB 48, SB 101, SB 150.**

Signed by the President at 11:15 a.m., April 9, 2015: **SB 48, SB 101, SB 150.**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES** (T. Brown, Chair):

4/8/2015

**HB 322**, be concurred in. Report adopted.

**HB 356**, be concurred in. Report adopted.

**STATE ADMINISTRATION** (D. Brown, Chair):

4/8/2015

**SR 33**, preliminary report, be adopted. Report adopted.

**SR 47**, preliminary report, be adopted. Report adopted.

**HB 483**, be concurred in. Report adopted.

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**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 8, 2015

The Honorable Debby Barrett  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Helena, MT 59620

Dear President Barrett:

On Wednesday, April 8, 2015, I signed and delivered **Senate Bill 8** - R. Webb to the Secretary of State's Office.

I have vetoed **Senate Bill 321** - M. Blasdel.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor

April 8, 2015

The Honorable Debby Barrett  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Helena, MT 59620

The Honorable Austin Knudsen  
Speaker of the House  
State Capitol  
Helena, MT 59620

Dear President Barrett and Speaker Knudsen:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I **hereby veto Senate Bill 321** (SB 321), "AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF A PUBLIC UTILITY; EXCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTION, DELIVERY, OR SUPPLY OF PROPANE TO CUSTOMERS FROM PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION; AMENDING SECTION 69-3-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."

When robust economic competition exists, consumers often benefit. However, when a business

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has no real competitors and the pressures of a healthy marketplace do not exist, consumers often suffer the consequences of poor service or higher prices. When the service being provided by a monopoly is home heating, most Montanans would agree that the service should be appropriately regulated to protect consumers.

The Montana Public Service Commission's (PSC) role is to protect consumers by ensuring that public utilities provide adequate service at reasonable rates. A key inquiry for the PSC is whether a company providing an essential service is in fact a public utility, which is defined in Section 69-3-101, MCA. As used in statute, "public utility" is a term of art, and the application of that term to a particular set of circumstances requires the expertise of the PSC and its professional staff.

SB 321 seeks to exclude from the definition of public utility the distribution, delivery, or supply of propane to consumers, regardless of the circumstances. There are four propane distribution systems in Montana that are now regulated by the PSC because they are public utilities, and this regulation would continue. However, under SB 321, the PSC would be precluded from ever finding in the future that a propane distribution system, even an underground system providing monopoly service to consumers to heat their homes in the winter, is a public utility and should be regulated as to rates and service. Such a broad stroke is not in the best interests of Montanans.

Section 60-3-101, MCA, which defines "public utility," contains other exclusions which are telling. For example, privately-owned water or sewer systems that do not serve the public are not public utilities. Generally, water or sewer systems operated by local governments are not included either. In those cases, it is easy to see the means by which consumers can protect themselves (such as private contracts or the ballot box). There are no such checks or balances under SB 321.

It is my understanding that SB 321 addresses the circumstances of one entity that is now before the PSC in a proceeding to determine its status as a public utility. It is the PSC's expertise that should make this determination based on the facts and law before it. To legislatively address this specific case by broadly excluding from regulation all entities that deliver propane to consumers through an underground distribution network is unwarranted. Moreover, the bill allows propane supplies--entirely at their own discretion--to opt-in to regulation as a public utility to gain access to public rights-of-way. SB 321's framework of regulation only at the option of the regulated entity is unworkable and unwise. The PSC unanimously opposed this bill.

When it is an essential service like heating your home, you want to know that you are not being gouged by an unlawful business practice. The PSC protects customers of public utilities by ensuring that they provide adequate service at reasonable rates. I am sure that there are propane distribution services operating in this state that are not public utilities, but I believe that consumers are better protected when that determination is made by the PSC.

For these reasons, I veto SB 321.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor

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**MESSAGES FROM THE OTHER HOUSE**

**Senate bills** concurred in and returned to the Senate: 4/8/2015

**SB 183**, introduced by T. Brown  
**SB 219**, introduced by J. Taylor  
**SB 221**, introduced by Debby Barrett

**Senate bills** concurred in as amended and returned to the Senate for concurrence in House amendments:

4/8/2015

**SB 195**, introduced by M. Caferro  
**SB 220**, introduced by C. Kaufmann  
**SB 307**, introduced by S. Stewart-Peregoy  
**SB 356**, introduced by J. Fielder  
**SB 364**, introduced by J. Cohenour  
**SB 371**, introduced by M. Blasdel

**Senate amendments to House bills** concurred in: 4/8/2015

**HB 101**, introduced by T. Steenberg  
**HB 204**, introduced by G. Hertz  
**HB 259**, introduced by D. Moore  
**HB 318**, introduced by E. Hill  
**HB 330**, introduced by N. Schwaderer  
**HB 334**, introduced by R. Cook  
**HB 343**, introduced by B. Bennett  
**HB 350**, introduced by R. Shaw  
**HB 439**, introduced by A. Redfield  
**HB 447**, introduced by K. Wagoner

**FIRST READING AND COMMITMENT OF BILLS**

The following Senate resolution was introduced, read first time, and referred to committee:

**SR 52**, introduced by T. Brown, referred to Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The following Senate joint resolution was introduced, read first time, and referred to committee:

**SJ 26**, introduced by B. Tutvedt, referred to Taxation.

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**SECOND READING OF BILLS  
(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of business on second reading. Motion carried. Senator D. Brown in the chair.

Ms. President: We, your Committee of the Whole, having had under consideration business on second reading, recommend as follows:

Senator Sales present at this time; Senator Vuckovich excused at this time.

Senator Windy Boy arose on a point of personal privilege and apologized for comments made the previous day.

**HB 606** - Senator Wolken moved **HB 606** be concurred in. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Tutvedt, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 36

Nays: Arntzen, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Kary, Moore, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Vance, Webb.  
Total 13

Paired: Facey, Vuckovich, Aye; Hansen, Sales, No.

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: Vincent.  
Total 1

**HB 2** - Senator L. Jones moved **HB 2** be concurred in. Senator Jones made opening comments and explained the process for presentation of **HB 2**.

Senator Vincent present at this time; Senator Blasdel excused at this time.

**Global Amendments**

**HB 2** - Senator L. Jones moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment 0001** as follows:

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1. Page BP-2, line 16.

**Insert:** "NEW SECTION. Section 11. Appropriations. The following money is appropriated for the respective fiscal years:"

2. Page A-5, line 29.

**Strike:** "160,339 160,021" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "161,091 160,878" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

3. Page C-2.

**Strike:** line 33 in its entirety

4. Page C-5, line 21.

**Strike:** "7,025,508 6,930,219" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "6,785,508 6,690,219" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

5. Page C-7.

**Strike:** line 10 through line 11 in their entirety

6. Page D-2, line 19.

**Strike:** "8,393,231 8,417,906" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Strike:** "11,971,901 12,097,015" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "9,136,438 9,174,900" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "11,228,694 11,340,021" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

7. Page D-2, line 21.

**Strike:** "1,858,017 1,892,485" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Strike:** "0 0" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "1,114,810 1,135,491" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "743,207 756,994" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

8. Page D-5, line 13.

**Strike:** "405,092 405,092" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "599,062 599,062" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

9. Page E-1, line 34.

**Strike:** "/Biennial"

10. Page E-6, line 37.

**Strike:** "6,017,491" [General Fund FY 17]

**Insert:** "3,017,491" [General Fund FY 17]

Amendment adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro,

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Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 47

Nays: Blasdel, Sales, Vincent.

Total 3

Paired: Driscoll, Vuckovich, Aye; Blasdel, Vincent, No.

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**SECTION A. General Government**

Senator Taylor acknowledged and thanked fellow committee members and staff then reviewed the budget of agencies in Section A: Legislative Branch, Consumer Counsel, Governor's Office, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Political Practices, State Auditor's Office, Department of Revenue, Department of Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor and Industry, and Department of Military Affairs.

**HB 2** - Senator Phillips moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment A006** as follows:

1. Page A-7, line 6.

**Strike:** "2,251,218 2,257,116" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "3,051,218 3,057,116" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

2. Page A-7.

**Strike:** line 11 through line 12 in their entirety

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 21

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder,

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Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Ms. President.  
Total 29

Paired: Driscoll, Vuckovich, Aye; Blasdel, Sales, No.

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator Phillips moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment A007** as follows:

1. Page A-3.

**Strike:** line 13 in its entirety

**Insert:** "642,929 645,330" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Strike:** line 16 through line 17 in their entirety

**Strike:** line 22 in its entirety

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 21

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 29

Paired: Driscoll, Vuckovich, Aye; Blasdel, Sales, No.

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator Cohenour moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment A009** as follows:



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1. Page A-3, line 32.

**Strike:** "5,376,137" [State Special Fund FY16]

**Insert:** "4,727,517" [State Special Fund FY16]

2. Page A-3, following line 36.

**Insert:** "c. Fund Insure Montana Through Calendar Year 2015 (Restricted)  
4,769,387" [General Fund FY 16]

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 21

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 29

Paired: Driscoll, Vuckovich, Aye; Blasdel, Sales, No.

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

Senator Phillips moved **Section A** be closed. Motion carried.

Senator Vuckovich present at this time.

Senator Sales assumed the chair.

**SECTION B. Health and Human Services**

Senator Keenan acknowledged and thanked fellow committee members and staff then reviewed the budget of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**HB 2** - Senator Caferro moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment B015** as follows:

1. Page B-3.

**Following:** line 6

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**Insert:** "'e. Developmental Disabilities Direct Care Wage Increase (Restricted/OTO)"

**Insert:** "267,793 1,071,092" [General Fund FY16 and FY17]

"505,202 2,020,083" [Federal Special FY16 and FY17]

2. Page B-4.

**Following:** line 23

**Insert:** "Developmental Disabilities Direct Care Wage Increase may be used only for a rate increase for direct care worker wages and related benefits or to provide lump-sum payments to workers effective January 1, 2016, to address recruitment and retention issues in developmental disabilities services. Funds may be used only for payments for workers who provide direct care in the developmental disabilities waiver, targeted case management, and non medicaid programs."

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Thomas, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 24

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Taylor, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Ms. President.

Total 26

Paired: Driscoll, Aye; Blasdel, No.

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator Caferro moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment B012** as follows:

1. Page B-2, following line 28.

**Insert:** "a. Dental Student Rotation Program (Restricted)  
25,000" [General Fund FY 2017]

2. Page B-2, following line 31.

**Insert:** "Dental Student Rotation Program may be used only to pay for 4-week rotations for dental students to practice clinical dentistry in Montana community dental offices. Dental Student Rotation Program is void if federal grant funds are received to continue the program."

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Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.  
Total 22

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Ms. President.  
Total 28

Paired: Driscoll, Aye; Blasdel, No.

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator Caferro moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment B014** as follows:

1. Page B-4.

**Following:** line 23

**Insert:** "If SB 411 is passed and approved the appropriation for the Disability Services Division may be used to fund additional community-based facilities and services to accommodate individuals who are at or would otherwise be placed at the Montana developmental center."

Amendment adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Connell, Driscoll, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 45

Nays: Blasdel, Cohenour, Facey, Fielder, Vance.  
Total 5

Paired: Driscoll, Aye; Blasdel, No.

Absent or not voting: None.

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Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator L. Jones moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment B008** as follows:

1. Page B-2, line 27.

**Strike:** "42,079,069 42,079,740" [Federal Funds FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "40,155,835 40,157,193" [Federal Funds FY16 & FY17]

2. Page B-2, following line 31.

**Insert:** "If HB 606 is not passed and approved, Public Health & Safety Division is increased by \$1,923,234 federal funds in FY 2016 and by \$1,922,547 federal funds in FY 2017."

Amendment adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hoven, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 38

Nays: Arntzen, Blasdel, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Howard, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Webb.

Total 12

Paired: Driscoll, Aye; Blasdel, No.

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

Senator Caferro moved **Section B** be closed. Motion carried.

Senator Hamlett excused at this time.

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the committee **rise, report progress, and beg leave to sit again**. Motion carried. Committee arose. Senate resumed. President Barrett presiding. Chair D. Brown moved the Committee of the Whole report be adopted. Report adopted as follows:

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Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 48

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: Blasdel, Hamlett.  
Total 2

**MOTIONS**

Senator Hamlett present at this time.

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the Senate suspend its rules to allow **HB 606** to proceed to third reading this date. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 49

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: Blasdel.  
Total 1

**THIRD READING OF BILLS**

The following bills having been read three several times, title and history agreed to, were disposed of in the following manner:

**HB 606** concurred in as follows:

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Yeas: Ankney, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hansen, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 41

Nays: Arntzen, Fielder, Hinkle, Sales, Smith, Thomas, Vance, Webb.

Total 8

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: Blasdel.

Total 1

**SECOND READING OF BILLS  
(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)**

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of business on second reading. Motion carried. Senator D. Brown in the chair.

Ms. President: We, your Committee of the Whole, having had under consideration business on second reading, recommend as follows:

**HB 2** - Senator L. Jones moved **HB 2**, as amended, be concurred in.

Senator L. Jones moved to re-open **Section B**. Without objection, so ordered.

Senator L. Jones moved the Senate reconsider its action on **amendment B008** and stated that with the passage of HB 606 by the Senate, **amendment B008** should be replaced with **amendment B009**. Motion carried.

**HB 2** - Senator L. Jones moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment B009** as follows:

1. Page B-2, line 27.

**Strike:** "42,079,069 42,079,740" [Federal Funds FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "40,155,835 40,157,193" [Federal Funds FY16 & FY17]

Amendment adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski,

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Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 49

Nays: Blasdel.  
Total 1

Paired: Driscoll, Aye; Blasdel, No.

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

Senator Jones moved to close **Section B**. Motion carried.

Senator Blasdel present at this time.

**SECTION C. Natural Resources and Transportation**

Senator Brenden acknowledged and thanked fellow committee members and staff then reviewed the budget of agencies in Section C: Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation, Department of Livestock, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, and Department of Agriculture.

**HB 2** - Senator Ripley moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment C004** as follows:

1. Page C-1.

**Strike:** line 13 through line 14 in their entirety

**Renumber:** subsequent subsections

**Following:** line 16

**Insert:** "b. Hunting Access Program Administration (Restricted/OTO)"

**Insert:** "784,637 784,637" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "234,535 243,535" [Federal Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "c. Hunting Access Program Landowner Contracts (Restricted)"

**Insert:** "4,446,274 4,446,274" [State Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

**Insert:** "1,329,030 1,329,090" [Federal Special Fund FY16 & FY17]

2. Page C-1.

**Strike:** line 35 through line 36 in their entirety

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**Insert:** "The department will report on Hunting Access Program Landowner Contracts to the environmental quality council in terms of acres and cost required 90 days after big game hunting season ends."

Amendment adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 50

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

Senator Keane moved **Section C** be closed. Motion carried.

Senator Sales assumed the chair.

**SECTION D. Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement and Justice**

Senator Hansen acknowledged and thanked fellow committee members and staff then reviewed the budget of agencies in Section C: Judicial Branch, Department of Justice, Public Service Commission, Office of Public Defender, and Department of Corrections.

There were no amendments in this section.

Senator Wolken moved to close **Section D**. Motion carried.

Senator D. Brown assumed the chair.

**SECTION E. Education**

Senator Jones acknowledged and thanked fellow committee members and staff then reviewed the budget of agencies in Section E: Office of Public Instruction, Board of Education, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, Montana Arts Council, Montana State Library, Montana Historical



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Society, the University System, and the Commissioner of Higher Education.

**HB 2** - Senator F. Moore moved the Senate **reconsider its action** on Item #10 of Global Amendment O001. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 50

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator F. Moore moved **Item #10 of global amendment O001** be replaced with **amendment E012** as follows:

1. Page E-6, line 29.  
**Strike:** "6,017,491 " [General Fund FY 17]  
**Insert:** "3,017,491" [General Fund FY 17]

Amendment adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 50

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

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**HB 2** - Senator Caferro moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment E001** as follows:

1. Page E-1, line 23.

**Strike:** "636,209,794 647,326,388" [General Fund FY16 and FY17]

**Insert:** "636,387,753 647,665,685" [General Fund FY16 and FY17]

2. Page E-1, line 33.

**Strike:** "42,891,966 42,891,966" [General Fund FY16 and FY17]

**Insert:** "43,891,349 44,677,004" [General Fund FY16 and FY17]

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 22

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Ms. President.

Total 28

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator Kaufmann moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment E010** as follows:

1. Page E-6, line 29.

**Strike:** "3,011,601 6,017,491" [General Fund FY 16 & FY 17]

**Insert:** "3,090,682 6,096,369" [General Fund FY 16 & FY 17]

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 21

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales,

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Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 29

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator Whitford moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment E009** as follows:

1. Page E-1.

**Following:** line 9

**Insert:** "c. Schools of Promise (Restricted/Biennial)"

**Insert:** "250,000 250,000" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hoven, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 22

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 28

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0.

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 2** - Senator Hamlett moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment E004** as follows:

1. Page E-1.

**Following:** line 37

**Insert:** "n. Early Childhood Education (Restricted/Biennial)"

**Insert:** "18,500,000 18,500,000" [General Fund FY16 & FY17]

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

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Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 21

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 29

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

The Senate recessed for a lunch period and resumed at 12:35 p.m. Roll call. Forty-eight members present, Senators Phillips and Webb excused. Senator D. Brown in the chair.

**HB 2** - Senator Hamlett moved **HB 2**, second reading copy, be amended with **amendment D001** as follows:

1. Page D-5, following line 35.

**Insert:** "If SB 405 is passed and approved, Clinical Services Division is reduced by \$2,500,000 general fund money in FY 2016 and \$2,500,000 general fund money in FY 2017."

2. Page E-2, following line 17.

**Insert:** "If SB 405 is passed and approved, \$2,500,000 general fund in FY 2016 and \$2,500,000 general fund in FY 2017 is appropriated for early childhood education"

**Insert:** "The Office of Public Instruction is appropriated up to \$7.0 million of general fund from SB410 reversions from the 2015 Legislature"

Senators Phillips and Webb present at this time.

Amendment **not** adopted as follows:

Yeas: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 21

Nays: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 29

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Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

Senator Hamlett moved to close **Section E**. Motion carried as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 49

Nays: Sales.

Total 1

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 2** - As amended, **HB 2** was concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Driscoll, Hamlett, Hansen, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keane, Keenan, Malek, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 33

Nays: Barrett Dick, Brenden, Caferro, Cohenour, Facey, Fielder, Hinkle, Kaufmann, Larsen, McNally, Moe, Sales, Sands, Swandal, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb.

Total 17

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

Majority Leader Rosendale moved the committee **rise and report**. Motion carried. Committee arose. Senate resumed. President Barrett presiding. Chair D. Brown moved the Committee of

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the Whole report be adopted. Report adopted as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Cohenour, Connell, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 43

Nays: Brenden, Caferro, Driscoll, Moe, Sales, Sands, Webb.

Total 7

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**THIRD READING OF BILLS**

The following bills having been read three several times, title and history agreed to, were disposed of in the following manner:

**SB 209, as amended by the House**, passed as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 47

Nays: Driscoll, Kaufmann, Malek.

Total 3

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**SB 224, as amended by the House**, passed as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary,

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Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 48

Nays: D. Brown, Smith.

Total 2

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**SB 238, as amended by the House**, passed as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 45

Nays: D. Brown, Hansen, Keenan, Sales, Vance.

Total 5

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**SB 255, as amended by the House**, passed as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 50

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

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Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**SB 295, as amended by the House**, passed as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Connell, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 43

Nays: Barrett Dick, Cohenour, Driscoll, Kaufmann, Malek, Pomnichowski, Whitford.

Total 7

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**SB 333, as amended by the House**, passed as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 50

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 29** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hansen, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen,



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Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 39

Nays: Ankney, Blasdel, Fielder, Hinkle, Kary, Keenan, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Vincent, Webb.

Total 11

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 196** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hoven, Jones, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 33

Nays: Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, Hinkle, Howard, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Taylor, Thomas, Vance, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 17

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 258** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Arntzen, Barrett Dick, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Hoven, Jones, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Tutvedt, Vincent, Vuckovich, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken.

Total 30

Nays: Ankney, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Howard, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Taylor, Thomas, Vance, Webb, Ms. President.

Total 20

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Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 359** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 50

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 379** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.

Total 50

Nays: None.

Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**HB 538** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro,

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Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 50

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

**HB 553** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Barrett Dick, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Caferro, Cohenour, Connell, Driscoll, Facey, Fielder, Hamlett, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Kaufmann, Keane, Keenan, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Moore, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Sands, Sesso, Smith, Stewart-Peregoy, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Vance, Vincent, Vuckovich, Webb, Whitford, Windy Boy, Wolken, Ms. President.  
Total 50

Nays: None.  
Total 0

Absent or not voting: None.  
Total 0

Excused: None.  
Total 0

**HB 587** concurred in as follows:

Yeas: Ankney, Arntzen, Blasdel, Brenden, D. Brown, T. Brown, Buttrey, Connell, Fielder, Hansen, Hinkle, Hoven, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Moore, Ripley, Rosendale, Sales, Smith, Swandal, Taylor, Thomas, Vance, Vincent, Webb, Windy Boy, Ms. President.  
Total 29

Nays: Barrett Dick, Caferro, Cohenour, Driscoll, Facey, Hamlett, Kaufmann, Keane, Larsen, Malek, McNally, Moe, Phillips, Pomnichowski, Sands, Sesso, Stewart-Peregoy, Tutvedt, Vuckovich, Whitford, Wolken.  
Total 21

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Absent or not voting: None.

Total 0

Excused: None.

Total 0

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION** (Arntzen, Chair): 3/31/2015

**SR 42**, be adopted. Report adopted.

**NATURAL RESOURCES** (Vincent, Chair): 4/8/2015

**SR 5**, preliminary report, be adopted. Report adopted.

**HB 434**, be concurred in. Report adopted.

**HB 525**, be concurred in. Report adopted.

**PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY** (Thomas, Chair): 4/8/2015

**HB 479**, be concurred in. Report adopted.

**MOTIONS**

Senator Blasdel moved to change his vote on **HB 2, Section C, amendment 004**, from No to Yes. Without objection, so ordered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee meetings were announced by the committee chairs.

Majority Leader Rosendale moved that the Senate adjourn until 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2015. Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

MARILYN MILLER  
Secretary of the Senate

DEBBY BARRETT  
President of the Senate