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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this weekly bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.

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MACo & the Montana Legislature

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2011 Projected Session Calendar

As Revised by Leadership — April 13, 2011

Please Note: Legislative leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

“General bills” is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Jan. 3:	62th Legislative Session begins	March 30:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums
Jan. 17:	Last day to request General Bills	April 1:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
Jan. 22:	Last day to request Revenue Bills	April 4:	Last day to request Study Resolutions or Committee Bills to implement HB2
Feb. 14:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills	April 11:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
Feb. 24:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber	April 13:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
Feb. 25-28:	Transmittal Break	April 20:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
March 17:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions	April 22:	The scheduling of legislative days 87-90 is yet to be determined.
March 19:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills		
March 25:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills		

Happenings from the Hill – Updated Daily

To better keep our members informed of what is occurring at the Montana Capitol, we have been updating our Legislative page (and the homepage) on the MACo website daily with happenings from the 62nd Legislative Session.

Check it out today, tomorrow, the next day, and so forth . . . we're on the hill and on top of the action!

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Scheduled Hearings

The Senate Local Gov. Committee meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3 p.m. in Room 405. The House Local Gov. Committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Room 172. **MACo bills are highlighted green** and **priority bills are highlighted blue**. Bills that we are **watching are simply bolded**.

Monday, April 18

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
10:30 AM	350	SB 126	Revise fees & licensing for plant nurseries & vendors; revise D of Ag inspection	Cliff Larsen
10:30 AM	317	HB 612	Generally revise state healthcare laws to implement House Bill No. 2	Don Roberts
10:30 AM	303	SB 329	Generally revise K-12 laws	Ryan Zinke
3:00 PM	102	SB 406	Central assessment mediation instead of dispute review or tax appeal board	Jeff Essmann
3:00 PM	152	SJ 27	Interim study of waiver services for children with developmental disabilities	Mary Caferro
3:00 PM	350	HB 593	Revising clean air act mercury rules	Duane Ankney

Tuesday, April 19

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	303	SR 32	Confirm Commissioner of Political Practices appointee	Terry Murphy

Wednesday, April 20

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	455	SJ 24	Joint resolution to study issue of national popular vote for president	Jim Shockley

Thursday, April 21

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
No hearings scheduled at this time.				

Friday, April 22

Time	Room	No.	Short Title	Sponsor
No hearings scheduled at this time.				

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 297 LC1431	Extend time frames to preserve historic right of way under environmental policy	2010-07	Tom Berry	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR APPLYING FOR A HISTORIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON STATE LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-130, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 5, CHAPTER 461, LAWS OF 1997, SECTION 6, CHAPTER 270, LAWS OF 2001, AND SECTIONS 2, 3, AND 4, CHAPTER 57, LAWS OF 2005; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."				
HB 318 LC1049	Ensure county oversight in movement of publicly-owned wild buffalo or bison	2010-01	Wendy Warburton	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF LIVESTOCK OR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS MAY AUTHORIZE ANY TRANSPLANTATION OR RELOCATION OF WILD BUFFALO OR BISON CERTIFIED AS BRUCELLOSIS-FREE INTO A MONTANA COUNTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 81-2-120 AND 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.				
HB 426 LC1283	Revise incorporation laws to coincide with annexation laws	2010-15	Gary MacLaren	Chapter Number Assigned
AN ACT REQUIRING WRITTEN CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF LAND TO BE INCLUDED IN A PROPOSED NEW CITY OR TOWN; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA.				
SB 144 LC0176	Revise laws governing translocation of bison; prohibit free-roaming bison	2010-14	John Brenden	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Fish, Wildlife & Parks
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM RELOCATING WILD BUFFALO OR BISON OR ALLOWING FREE-ROAMING BISON IN THE STATE; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION FROM RELOCATION; <u>REQUIRING REPORTS</u> ; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE <u>AND A TERMINATION DATE</u> ."				
SB 183 LC1029	Revise interim zoning laws	2010-09	Taylor Brown	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
AN ACT PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT A PROPOSED USE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA.				
SB 212 LC1052	Clarify FWP authority to manage wild buffalo or bison	2010-14	Rick Ripley	(S) Returned from Enrolling
AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO MANAGE WILD BUFFALO OR BISON; REQUIRING A MANAGEMENT PLAN BEFORE WILD BUFFALO OR BISON MAY BE RELEASED OR TRANSPLANTED ONTO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LAND; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.				
SB 248 LC0421	Allow five member county tax appeal board	2010-02	Kim Gillan	(S) Transmitted to Governor
AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT A COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OVER THREE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT IN COUNTIES WITH BOARDS OF MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS, ONLY THREE OF THE MEMBERS HEAR EACH APPEAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-15-101, MCA.				
SB 358 LC1352	Generally revise tax increment financing districts	2010-19	Edward Buttrey	(S) Returned from Enrolling
AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; ALLOWING COUNTIES TO CREATE TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND TO USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; ADDING COMPONENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; REMOVING PROVISIONS FOR CREATION OF AND BONDING IN TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AEROSPACE TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4282, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4284, 7-15-4286, 7-15-4288, 7-15-4290, 7-15-4292, 7-15-4293, 7-15-4294, 7-15-4301, 7-15-4302, 7-15-4304, AND 7-15-4324, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-15-4295, 7-15-4296, 7-15-4297, 7-15-4298, 7-15-4299, AND 17-5-820, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.				
SB 417 LC0866	Define military affected areas	2010-12	Brian Hoven	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE MILITARY AREA COMPATIBILITY ACT; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO DESIGNATE MILITARY AFFECTED AREAS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR MILITARY AFFECTED AREA REGULATIONS; REQUIRING MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE DESIGNATION OF A MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; ALLOWING CREATION OF A JOINT REGULATION BOARD; PROVIDING FOR PRIOR NONCONFORMING USES IN A MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; ALLOWING REGULATIONS TO BE PART OF ZONING ORDINANCES; REQUIRING A PERMIT SYSTEM; REQUIRING THE REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT; ESTABLISHING AN APPEALS PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS."				

MACo Resolutions/Legislation That Missed a Transmittal Deadline

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 130 LC0460	Expand types of elections to be conducted by mail ballot elections	2010-11	Pat Ingraham	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS; REQUIRING ELECTIONS OTHER THAN SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BY MAIL; PROVIDING FOR TRAINING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ELECTION JUDGES; REVISING PROCEDURES BY WHICH ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONFIRM ELECTORS' RESIDENCE AND MAILING ADDRESSES; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR REACTIVATING AN ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION; REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOT PROVISIONS; REQUIRING COUNTIES TO PAY FOR BALLOTS RETURNED WITH INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CREATING AND APPROVING A WRITTEN ELECTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO INACTIVE ELECTORS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING BOOTHS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACES OF DEPOSIT AND OFFICIAL DROP BOXES FOR BALLOT RETURNS; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AND COUNTING RETURNED BALLOTS; REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDE FOR PROPORTIONAL VOTING IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-101, 13-1-203, 13-2-220, 13-2-222, 13-2-301, 13-4-203, 13-13-212, 13-13-214, 13-19-101, 13-19-102, 13-19-104, 13-19-105, 13-19-106, 13-19-201, 13-19-202, 13-19-203, 13-19-204, 13-19-205, 13-19-206, 13-19-207, 13-19-301, 13-19-303, 13-19-304, 13-19-305, 13-19-306, 13-19-307, 13-19-308, 13-19-309, 13-19-310, 13-19-311, 13-19-313, AND 13-21-210, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 13-19-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."</p>				
SB 85 LC0580	Revise commissioners authority on use of county roads	2010-10	Cliff Larsen	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LIMIT USE OF A COUNTY ROAD OR OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2103, 7-14-2133, AND 7-14-2134, MCA."</p>				
SB 383 LC0865	Define spot zoning	2010-21	Llew Jones	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR ZONING REGULATIONS; REQUIRING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EVALUATE THE REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED PROCESS FOR ZONING OR REZONING AN AREA WILL NOT RESULT IN IMPERMISSIBLE SPOT ZONING; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-203, MCA."</p>				

MACo Priority Watch List

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Walter McNutt	(H) Transmitted to Governor
<p>AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>			
HB 19	Clarify that the Clean Indoor Air Act applies to smoking of medical marijuana	Diane Sands	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT SMOKING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MONTANA CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT INCLUDES THE SMOKING OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE; AMENDING SECTION 50-40-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>			
HB 20	Authorize county social host liability ordinances	Gordon Hendrick	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO AND POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY AN UNDERAGE PERSON AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>			
HB 22	Extend the sunset on wireless 9-1-1 funding for less populated counties	Harry Klock	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>			
HB 28	Revise requirements for septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>AN ACT REQUIRING THAT PROPOSED DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONES BE LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION WHERE THE DRAINFIELD IS LOCATED OR ON AN ADJOINING RIGHT-OF-WAY; ALLOWING LOCATION OF A DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONE OUTSIDE THE SUBDIVISION IF AN EASEMENT OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION IS OBTAINED; AMENDING SECTION 76-4-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.</p>			
HB 43	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	Gary MacLaren	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING EMPLOYER RIGHTS RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION, DRUG TESTING, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; EXPANDING THE TYPES OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE WORKFORCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING ACT; CREATING EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROTECTIONS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-2-206, 39-2-210, 39-2-313, 39-71-407, 50-46-201, AND 50-46-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>			

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 61	Allow local jurisdictions to set lower speed limits on unpaved roads	Gary MacLaren	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT ALLOWING A LOCAL AUTHORITY TO SET REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN UNPAVED ROADS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-310, MCA.		
HB 122	Provide for benefit and funding changes to public employees retirement system	Sue Malek	(H) Conference Committee Appointed
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING BENEFIT AND FUNDING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; INCREASING THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EARLY RETIREMENT FOR NEW HIRES; ELIMINATING EARLY RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY BASED ON MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW HIRES; CHANGING THE CALCULATION OF HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR NEW HIRES; REDUCING THE MULTIPLIER USED TO CALCULATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS DUE ON BEHALF OF NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL COVERED PAYROLL ; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-108, 19-3-315, 19-3-316, 19-3-319 , 19-3-513, 19-3-901, 19-3-902, 19-3-904, 19-3-906, 19-3-1002, 19-3-1008, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1205, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2141, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines	Edith McClafferty	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN DEADLINES RELATIVE TO SCHOOL AND LOCAL GOV. FINANCING LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 4036, 15-10-305, 20-3-205, 20-3-209, 20-7-705, 20-9-115, 20-9-121, 20-9-131, 20-9-134, 20-9-141, 20-9-142, 20-9-151, 20-9-152, 20-9-213, 20-9-439, 20-9-501, 20-9-503, 20-9-506, 20-9-533, 20-9-534, 20-9-604, 20-10-144, 20-10-146, 20-10-147, AND 20-15-313, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 20-9-211, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 133	Provide for court orders, fines, liens for noncompliance with noxious weed laws	Daniel Salomon	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS; AUTHORIZING A WEED CONTROL BOARD TO SEEK A COURT ORDER TO MANAGE NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR UNPAID CIVIL PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2123, 7-22-2124, AND 7-22-2148, MCA."		
HB 135	Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system	Carolyn Squires	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT INCREASING THE TIME PERIOD FOR CALCULATING HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO INITIALLY BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AFTER JUNE 30, 2011; AMENDING SECTION 19-7-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 140	Transfer funds from the economic development special revenue account	Cynthia Hiner	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ALLOCATION TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND OF 50% OF THE EARNINGS DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703 AND 90-1-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR THE INTERMENT AND THE SHIPPING AND RAISING OF A HEADSTONE FOR A VETERAN; AMENDING SECTION 10-2-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 166	Revise weed control laws	John Esp	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WEED CONTROL LAWS; REQUIRING COUNTY APPROVAL OF WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS; CLARIFYING DUTY OF A PROPERTY OWNER TO INFORM THE OWNER'S AGENT AND THE PURCHASER OF WEED INFESTATIONS AND MANAGEMENT; REVISING FUNDING OPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2711, 7-22-2103, 7-22-2109, 7-22-2116, 7-22-2120, 7-22-2121, 7-22-2126, 7-22-2141, 7-22-2142, 7-22-2153, AND 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 187	Provide for Montana-made wooden products in highway and road specs	Pat Connell	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND COUNTIES TO USE MONTANA-MADE WOODEN PRODUCTS IN CERTAIN ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.		
HB 212	Eliminate county classification	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ELIMINATING COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS; REPLACING REFERENCES TO COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS WITH AMOUNT OF TAXABLE VALUATION OR POPULATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-641, 2-18-702, 7-2-2213, 7-2-2218, 7-2-2222, 7-2-2225, 7-3-1214, 7-3-1306, 7-3-1341, 7-4-2405, 7-4-2601, 7-4-2602, 7-4-2703, 7-4-2705, 7-4-3006, 7-6-2102, 7-6-2401, 7-6-2413, 7-21-3211, 7-22-2142, 7-32-101, 7-32-2102, 7-32-2111, 13-17-101, 15-23-703, 15-24-3001, 15-36-332, 15-39-110, 30-14-122, 39-4-107, 80-7-814, AND 90-6-1001, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-1-2111 AND 7-1-2112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		

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HB 252	Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM RECOVERING FROM CERTAIN TRANSIT PROVIDERS INDIRECT COSTS FOR U.S. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 17-1-106, MCA.		
HB 316	Redistribute certain revenue and income to state general fund	Rob Cook	(S) Free Conference Comm. Appointed—(H) Free Conference Comm. Appointed
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE AND INCOME; INCREASING THE BALANCE OF THE STATE GENERAL FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE AND INCOME TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND AND THE GUARANTEE ACCOUNT; DECREASING THE BALANCE OF VARIOUS STATE ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS; REDUCING DISTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES, COUNTIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF THE CORPUS OF THE BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND, AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND TO THE SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF COAL SEVERANCE TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE RESOURCE INDEMNITY AND GROUND WATER ASSESSMENT TAX AND MONEY FROM OPENCUT MINING FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF INTEREST INCOME FROM THE RESOURCE INDEMNITY TRUST FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF NURSING FACILITY UTILIZATION FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE LODGING FACILITY USE TAX; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF UTILIZATION FEES FOR HOSPITALS AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM LIQUOR, BEER, WINE, HARD CIDER, AND CIGARETTE TAXES; REVISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING FUNDS TO COUNTIES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF LIVE CARD GAME AND TABLE PERMIT FEES, BINGO AND KENO TAXES, SPORT TAB TAXES, AND VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINE PERMITS; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO NOTICE FILING FEES AND EXAMINATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITIES REGULATION; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES AND FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE GENETICS PROGRAM FEE AND THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY PREMIUM TAX; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES; LIMITING A DISTRICT'S PERCENTAGE RETENTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; REVISING THE ALLOCATION TO THE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION DAMAGE MITIGATION ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-35-108, 15-36-331, 15-37-117, 15-38-106, 15-38-202, 15-60-102, 15-60-210, 15-60-211, 15-65-121, 15-66-102, 15-67-102, 16-1-404, 16-1-406, 16-1-411, 16-11-119, 17-3-240, 17-6-606, 23-5-306, 23-5-409, 23-5-502, 23-5-612, 30-10-115, 30-10-209, 30-10-210, 33-2-708, 33-2-712, 33-28-120, 53-6-149, 61-5-121, 75-1-1101, 82-11-131, AND 82-11-161, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 317	Sunset statutory Approps. over certain periods	Rob Cook	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING TERMINATION DATES FOR STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; ELIMINATING THE THREE FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR REVISION OF THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT ; PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING MANDATED DUTIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-105, 5-11-120, 5-11-407, 5-13-403, 7-4-2502, 10-1-108, 10-1-1202, 10-1-1303, 10-2-603, 10-3-203, 10-3-310, 10-3-312, 10-3-314, 10-4-301, 15-1-121, 15-1-218, 15-36-332, 15-37-117, 15-39-110, 15-65-121, 15-70-101, 15-70-369, 15-70-601, 16-11-509, 17-3-106, 17-3-112, 17-3-212, 17-3-222, 17-3-241, 17-6-101, 17-7-502, 18-11-112, 19-3-319, 19-6-404, 19-9-702, 19-13-604, 19-17-301, 19-18-512, 19-19-305, 19-19-506, 19-20-607, 19-21-203, 20-8-107, 20-9-534, 20-9-622, 20-26-1503, 22-3-1004, 23-4-105, 23-5-306, 23-5-409, 23-5-612, 23-7-301, 23-7-402, 37-43-204, 37-51-501, 39-71-503, 41-5-2011, 42-2-105, 44-4-1101, 44-12-206, 44-13-102, 50-4-623, 53-1-109, 53-24-108, 53-24-206, 60-11-115, 61-3-415, 69-3-870, 75-1-1101, 75-5-1108, 75-6-214, 75-11-313, 77-1-108, 77-2-362, 80-2-222, 80-4-416, 80-11-518, 81-10-103, 82-11-161, 87-1-603, 90-1-115, 90-1-203, 90-1-205, 90-1-504, 90-3-1003, 90-9-301, AND 90-9-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 319	Require contractors to list special fuel users' permit on bids for govt projects	Walter McNutt	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REQUIRING A PERSON BIDDING ON CERTAIN PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO LIST THE PERSON'S SPECIAL FUEL USER'S PERMIT NUMBER ON THE BID, IF APPLICABLE.		
HB 333	Include bank repossessions in property reappraisal comparables	Scott Reichner	(S) 2nd Reading Governor's Proposed Amendments Adopted
	AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO INCLUDE SALES OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN SOLD BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT OF MORTGAGE WHEN USING THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD OF DETERMINING MARKET VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUDING THE SALES IN THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-307 AND 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 334	Generally revise workers' compensation	Scott Reichner	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CLOSURE OF CLAIMS; PROVIDING A PROCESS TO REOPEN MEDICAL CLAIMS; ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND MEDICAL REVIEW PANEL; REVISING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY DEFINITION AND BENEFITS; CLARIFYING WHAT CONSTITUTES COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; ALLOWING RETROACTIVE BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN WORKERS; PROVIDING FOR SETTLEMENTS OF MEDICAL CLAIMS; PROVIDING FOR INSURER DESIGNATION OF TREATING PHYSICIANS; PROVIDING PAY SCALES FOR TREATING PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON MEDICAL PAY SCHEDULES FOR THE BIENNIUM; REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON THE MONTANA STATE FUND TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER; REVISING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES AND TERMS TO ASSIST AN EMPLOYEE IN STAYING AT WORK OR RETURNING TO WORK; CREATING A STAY-AT-WORK/RETURN-TO-WORK ASSISTANCE FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-105, 39-71-116, 39-71-118, 39-71-225, 39-71-315, 39-71-320, 39-71-403, 39-71-407, 39-71-703, 39-71-704, 39-71-711, 39-71-721, 39-71-736, 39-71-741, 39-71-1011, 39-71-1025, 39-71-1031, 39-71-1101, 39-71-1102, 39-71-1106, AND 39-71-2361, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.		

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HB 338	Revise the document standards law	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING STANDARDS AND FEES FOR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERKS FOR RECORDING; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2636 AND 7-4-2637, MCA.		
HB 351	Treasure state endowment Approps. and transfers to the general fund	Rob Cook	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS UPON GRANTS AND FUNDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR EMERGENCY GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR PRELIMINARY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR REGIONAL WATER PROJECTS; REQUIRING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; <u>RETAINING THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND WITHIN THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS; EXTENDING TRANSFERS TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND TO 2020;</u> REVISING GRANT CONDITIONS AND RANKING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703, 90-6-703, AND 90-6-710, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 6, CHAPTER 495, LAWS OF 1999, AND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 70, LAWS OF 2001; REPEALING SECTION 2, CHAPTER 70, LAWS OF 2001; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 366	Revise county interim zoning law	Matthew Rosendale	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING COUNTY INTERIM ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES; REQUIRING A COUNTY TO INITIATE A STUDY OR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; LIMITING A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO 182 DAYS FROM THE DATE IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; ELIMINATING THE SPECIFICATION OF EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE EXTENSION OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION; PROHIBITING THE EXTENSION OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION IF REAL PROPERTY OWNERS REPRESENTING 20% <u>40%</u> OF THE TITLED PROPERTY OWNERSHIP PROTEST THE EXTENSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA."		
HB 375	Reduce certain general fund transfers	Rob Cook	(S) Free Conference Comm. Appointed—(H)Free Conference Comm. Appointed
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING TRANSFERS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND; REDUCING TRANSFERS TO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS, ENTITIES, AND RECIPIENTS; AMENDING <u>SECTIONS SECTION</u> 15-1-122, 47-1-511, 77-1-108, 87-2-801, AND 87-2-803 , MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE <u>AND A TERMINATION DATE.</u> "		
HB 495	Revise statutory Approps. and Local Gov. entitlement share payments	Rob Cook	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; REDUCING STATUTORY APPROPRIATION DISTRIBUTIONS; CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOV. ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT PROGRAM; ELIMINATING THE LOCAL GOV. ENTITLEMENT SHARE ANNUAL GROWTH FACTOR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013; <u>REVISING THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE GROWTH RATE;</u> REDUCING THE LOCAL GOV. ENTITLEMENT SHARE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS; ELIMINATING THE THREE-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR REVISION OF THE LOCAL GOV. ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENTS; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MILLS A LOCAL GOV. MAY LEVY FOR A REIMBURSED TAX BASE DECREASE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121 AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 522	Extend approval of subdivision application to mutually agreed upon time	Douglas Kary	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS REGARDING THE LOCAL REGULATION OF SUBDIVISIONS; AUTHORIZING A GOVERNING BODY TO EXTEND THE APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON PERIOD OF TIME; REQUIRING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION TO BE IN WRITING; PROVIDING THAT A GOVERNING BODY MAY ISSUE MORE THAN ONE EXTENSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-3-610.		
HB 542	Revise subdivision and platting act	John Esp	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS GOVERNING CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GOV. REVIEW OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED AS PART OF A REVIEW; REQUIRING INFORMATION FROM A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION; PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO ACQUIRE OR ASSIST OTHERS IN ACQUIRING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY UNDER REVIEW; PROHIBITING A GOVERNING BODY FROM CONSIDERING THE IMPACT OF A SUBDIVISION UNDER REVIEW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IMPACTS OF POTENTIAL FUTURE SUBDIVISIONS; PROVIDING THAT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MITIGATION BY THE SUBDIVIDER MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED NEW INFORMATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-608 AND 76-3-615, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		

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HB 555	Providing for nonduplication of health insurance benefits	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Motion to suspend the rules and accept late transmittal failed
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NONDUPLICATION OF BENEFITS UNDER INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS; PROVIDING FOR INFORMATION GATHERING FROM INSURED AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR REFUNDS OR CREDITS IF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS RECEIVE DUPLICATE PAYMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704 , 20-15-225, AND 33-22-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 604	Provide for fund transfers to the guarantee account and old state fund account	Rob Cook	(S) Free Conference Comm. Appointed—(H)Free Conference Comm. Appointed
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FUND TRANSFERS; AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER TRANSFERS FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT AND THE OLDER MONTANANS TRUST FUND; TO THE GENERAL FUND; AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND RECYCLING ACCOUNT, THE ORPHAN SHARE ACCOUNT, THE COAL BED METHANE PROTECTION ACCOUNT, AND THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION ACCOUNT TO THE GUARANTEE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER TO THE OLD STATE FUND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACCOUNT FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-2311, 39-71-2316, 39-71-2320, 39-71-2321, 39-71-2322, 39-71-2323, 39-71-2351, 39-71-2352, 52-3-115, 53-19-310, 75-10-532, 75-10-743, 76-15-904, AND 82-11-135, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 621	Revise aquatic invasive species laws and provide appropriation	Duane Ankney	(S) Free Conference Comm. Appointed—(H)Free Conference Comm. Appointed
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN MONTANA; REVISING THE MONTANA AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ACT; DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS AS THE OVERALL COORDINATING AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND AND THE STATE GENERAL FUND; AMENDING SECTIONS 80-7-814, 80-7-1003, 80-7-1005, 80-7-1006, AND 80-7-1007, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 622	Revising funding for livestock mitigation and control of predatory animals	Duane Ankney	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING FUNDING FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS MITIGATION AND CONTROL OF PREDATORY ANIMALS; CREATING STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS TO REIMBURSE PRODUCERS FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS AND TO PROTECT LIVESTOCK FROM PREDATORY ANIMALS; TRANSFERRING MONEY TO THE ACCOUNTS; CREATING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK SUBJECT TO A TERMINATION DATE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 2-15-3114, 15-1-122, 15-24-925, 17-7-502, 81-1-110, 81-7-103, AND 81-7-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 629	Revise subdivision law and rent or lease exemption	Austin Knudsen	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING SUBDIVISION LAW; REVISING THE EXEMPTION FOR THE RENT OR LEASE OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES OR PARTS OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; PROVIDING REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THE RENT OR LEASE OF MORE THAN THREE CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM HEARING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM PARK DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO EXEMPT CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES FROM SUBDIVISION REVIEW; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO REVIEW CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE SAME MANNER AS MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-201, 76-3-204, 76-3-208, 76-3-504, 76-3-506, 76-3-605, 76-3-608, 76-3-620, 76-3-621, 76-6-203, AND 76-7-203, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 76-3-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HJ 3	Interim study of interoperability for public safety communications in MT	Edith McClafferty	(H) Resolution Failed*
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.		
HJ 4	Resolution opposing designation of national monuments without state's consent	Ken Peterson	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN MONTANA WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR.		
SB 1	Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT REQUIRING RECALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT ASSESSABLE TO EACH LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL IN A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IF THE NUMBER OF LOTS, TRACTS, OR PARCELS INCREASES; REQUIRING NOTICE OF POSSIBLE RECALCULATIONS DURING THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-12-2103, 7-12-2105, 7-12-2151, 7-12-4104, 7-12-4106, 7-12-4161, AND 7-12-4162, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		

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SB 58	Lengthen time DNA evidence must be preserved in certain cases	Lynda Moss	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LENGTHENING THE TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED AFTER A CONVICTION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL OFFENSES; PROVIDING A MINIMUM TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED IN CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS WHEN A CONVICTION HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF EVIDENTIARY ITEMS THAT ARE IMPRACTICAL TO STORE IF PORTIONS OF THE ITEMS SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT FUTURE DNA TESTING ARE PRESERVED; AMENDING SECTION 46-21-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING POSTAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED CITIES AND TOWNS; AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 108	Revise policy for management of large predators	Debby Barrett	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT REQUIRING CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN COUNTY AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING LARGE PREDATORS AND LARGE GAME SPECIES; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-217, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 174	Prohibit state funds for movement or relocation of bison to Spotted Dog WMA	Gene Vuckovich	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM EXPENDING ANY FUNDS ON THE RELOCATION OR TRANSPLANTATION OF WILD BUFFALO OR BISON ON THE SPOTTED DOG WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 191	Require septic system disclosure on property sale	Ron Erickson	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A SEPTIC SYSTEM DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ON REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 217	Revise award of costs to enforce constitutional right-to-know	Terry Murphy	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT THE EXISTING RIGHT TO ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS IN A LEGAL ACTION TO OBTAIN A DOCUMENT OR TO HAVE ACCESS TO A PUBLIC MEETING APPLIES <u>ONLY</u> TO THE PARTY SEEKING THE DOCUMENT OR ACCESS; CLARIFYING THAT THE RIGHT TO COSTS AND FEES APPLIES TO AN APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF A DISTRICT COURT; AMENDING SECTION 2-3-221, MCA; AND PROVIDING APPLICABILITY DATES."		
SB 219	Revise laws relating to property tax protest	Gary Branae	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO ACCESS TO PROTESTED PROPERTY TAXES; REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ELECTION ON WHETHER TO WAIVE THE DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF THE PROTESTED TAXES UPON SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX PROTEST; PROVIDING THAT THE ELECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY THAT IS ASSESSED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT; ALLOWING LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS TO ACCESS PROTESTED TAXES OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY; REVISING THE CALCULATION OF GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID FOR A DISTRICT THAT ELECTS TO WAIVE ITS RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROTESTED TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-402, 15-1-409, AND 20-9-366, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES.		
SB 266	Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement	Alan Olson	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING THE LOCAL ABATEMENT OF THE COAL GROSS PROCEEDS TAX ON COAL PRODUCED BY A NEW OR EXPANDING UNDERGROUND COAL MINE; PROVIDING THAT THE TAX ABATEMENT MAY BE 50% OR LESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-23-703 AND 15-23-715, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 283	Revise process for changing county boundaries	Jeff Essmann	(S) 2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING REAL PROPERTY TO BE MOVED FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY; REQUIRING A PETITION AND REQUIRING THAT THE PETITION CONTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION; REQUIRING THE PETITIONERS TO MEET CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS; REQUIRING BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AFFECTED ADJOINING COUNTIES TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT UPON RECEIPT OF A PETITION BEFORE AN ELECTION MAY BE HELD; REQUIRING THAT THE PROCESS CEASE IF THE ADJOINING COUNTIES ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR A VOTE AND FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR A PROCESS IF THE ELECTORS VOTE TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES; REQUIRING TRANSFER OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF INDEXES AND LAND RECORD ABSTRACTS AND PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ASSOCIATED COSTS; ALLOWING A COUNTY TO WHICH PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED TO LEVY A TAX; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES; PROVIDING THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOT AFFECTED; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-2-103, 7-2-2201, 7-2-2202, 7-2-2411, 7-2-2412, <u>7-4-2631</u> , <u>7-4-2632</u> , <u>7-4-2637</u> , AND 15-10-420, MCA."		
SB 288	Provide administrative appeal for special district assessment	Kim Gillan	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT ALLOWING ASSESSMENTS OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT TO BE APPEALED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-11-1027, MCA.		

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SB 295	Revise manner of appraising certain property for tax purposes	Bob Lake	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE MANNER OF APPRAISING CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; ALLOWING ANNUAL INFORMAL REVIEWS OF CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISAL FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, AND FOREST PROPERTY; REQUIRING CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO AN OBJECTOR FOR USE IN INFORMAL REVIEWS; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF PROPERTY THROUGH AN INFORMAL REVIEW EXCEPT DUE TO A PHYSICAL CHANGE IN A PROPERTY OR A MISTAKE IN A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION; <u>PROVIDING THAT THE CONSIDERATION PAID ON A MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE MUST BE DISCLOSED IN A REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE</u> ; REQUIRING THE USE OF THE UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL PRACTICE; <u>REQUIRING THAT ERRONEOUS CALCULATION ERRORS MUST BE CORRECTED FOR ALL AFFECTED PROPERTIES</u> ; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-7-307, AND 15-8-111, AND 15-8-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE. "		
SB 306	Revise mining laws regarding cyanide health and vat leach open-pit mining	Terry Murphy	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION OF CYANIDE HEAP AND VAT LEACH OPEN-PIT GOLD AND SILVER MINING; AND AMENDING SECTION 82-4-390, MCA.		
SB 325	Referendum to require majority vote in general elections	Joe Balyeat	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN A GENERAL ELECTION, A MAJORITY OF VOTES IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 357	Revise laws for appointment and election of a resigning county commissioner	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT PROHIBITING A RESIGNING MEMBER OF A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN FILLING THE VACANCY TO BE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-501 AND 7-4-2106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 372	Lower business equipment tax – phase more reduction on state economic growth	Bruce Tutvedt	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING THE TAXATION FOR A PORTION OF THE TAXABLE MARKET VALUE OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT OWNED BY A TAXPAYER; PROVIDING FUTURE TAX REDUCTIONS CONTINGENT ON INCREASES IN STATE COLLECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND CORPORATION LICENSE TAX OVER THE REVENUE ESTIMATED AMOUNT ; CHANGING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; PROVIDING A PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOV.S AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; <u>PROVIDING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS</u> ; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121, 15-6-138, 15-6-141, 15-10-420, AND 15-23-101, 17-7-502, AND 20-9-630, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE DATES AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE. "		
SB 379	Generally revise county zoning laws	Alan Olson	(S) Reconsidered Previous Action; Remains in 2nd Reading Process
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING COUNTY ZONING LAWS; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR REVISION OF BOUNDARIES FOR A ZONING DISTRICT AND THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ZONING REGULATIONS; CLARIFYING ZONING PROTEST REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THAT A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY VOTE TO OVERRIDE A SUCCESSFUL PROTEST UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DEVELOP FINDINGS OF FACT TO OVERRIDE A ZONING PROTEST; CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF ZONING REGULATIONS AND BOUNDARIES; SUPERSEDING THE UNFUNDED MANDATE LAWS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 76-2-101 AND 76-2-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING A CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. "		
SB 420	Revise local government audit laws	Steven Gallus	(S) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT FILING OF REQUIRED AUDITS AND REPORTS BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING A FINE; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE PENALTIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-7-503 AND 2-7-517, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SJ 6	Resolution regarding federal land use policy	Alan Olson	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXPEDITE THE FEDERAL LAND USE DECISION PROCESSES IN MONTANA, TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADITIONAL MULTIPLE RESOURCE USES ON FEDERAL LANDS, NOT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LAND OR MINERALS THAT WOULD PRECLUDE DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION PLACING CHECKS AND BALANCES ON THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS TO DECLARE NATIONAL MONUMENTS.		
SJ 14	Resolution urging improved Dept of Livestock communication on bison control	Bob Hawks	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENCOURAGING IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK WITH PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY BISON CONTROL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE INTERAGENCY BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN.		

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 3	Supplemental appropriations	Robert Mehlhoff	(S) Signed by President
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Robert Mehlhoff	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Bill McChesney	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Tony Belcourt	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Jon Sesso	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 10	Long-range information technology appropriations	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 12	Revise jurisdiction for misdemeanor DUI/BAC offenses	Mike Menahan	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 34	Split DPHHS Tobacco Settlement Fund	Trudi Schmidt	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Finance and Claims
HB 40	Changing the standard for adoption of administrative rules	Ken Peterson	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) State Administration
HB 41	Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor	Wayne Stahl	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 42	Transfer fund balance from coal bed methane account to guarantee account	Galen Hollenbaugh	(S) Conference Committee Appointed
HB 49	Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact	Betsy Hands	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 53	Consolidate state employee benefit plan requirements	Harry Klock	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 54	Define order & program for certain Department of Livestock functions	Gordon Vance	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 65	Revise payment for court interpretation services	Mike Menahan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 66	Clarify agency to which the state records committee is attached	Kathy Swanson	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 69	Revise jail penalties for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 70	Revise laws related to public employees retirement system	Mike Menahan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 80	Revise unemployment insurance law	Elsie Arntzen	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 82	Require reporting of complaints on physician practices related to med marijuana	Diane Sands	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 83	Create prescription drug registry	Tom Berry	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 86	Revise teachers' retirement system laws	Franke Wilmer	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 89	Eliminate local registration, disclosure filing for legis, statewide candidates	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 91	Revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 95	Gen revise MT Human Rights Act-Indian preference-subpoenas-attorney fees	Walter McNutt	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 99	Generally revise laws relating to absentee ballots and mail ballots	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 100	Require fiscal notes to include business impact	Gordon Vance	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 101	Revise sewer and water district finance laws and water authority laws	Margaret MacDonald	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 102	Revise probationary driver's license provisions for DUI court participation	Mike Menahan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 106	Provide for a 24/7 sobriety project for impaired driving offenders	Steve Lavin	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 110	Generally revise workers' compensation laws	Jeffery Welborn	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 120	Provide for audio minutes as official minutes	Tom McGillvray	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 131	Clarify responsibilities for expense recovery rel to orphan hazardous materials	Mike Menahan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 132	Improve, clarify, and make property tax administration more effective	Brian Hoven	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011

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HB 142	Require interim committees review of reports and advisory councils for sunset	Diane Sands	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 152	Revise proof of residency and identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 159	Restrict authority of FWP to regulate ammo or firearms for hunting	Cary Smith	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 161	Repeal medical marijuana law	Mike Milburn	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
HB 165	Deposit certain trust land and river bed income to guarantee account	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 172	Revise laws related to hunting of grizzly bears	Ted Washburn	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 174	Repeal prohibition on firearm sound reduction devices in field	Krayton Kerns	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 175	Submit repeal of Montana Medical Marijuana Act to voters of Montana	Keith Regier	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 179	Disallow unemployment benefits for certain employee terminations	James Knox	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postpone Motion Failed
HB 180	Revise close of voter registration	Champ Edmunds	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
HB 181	Allow condo unit to be individually counted towards municipal zoning protest	Elsie Arntzen	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 182	Revise bond requirements for public schools	Elsie Arntzen	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 183	Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits	Cary Smith	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
HB 186	Continue allocation to Worksafe Montana thru assessment on work comp insurer	Chuck Hunter	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 196	Provide that Dept. of Commerce assist local gov't with fed land management props	Pat Connell	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 203	Allow evidence of other crimes in prosecution of sexual offenses	Mike Menahan	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 204	Allow any school board trustee of certain districts to preside over board	Daniel Salomon	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 211	Revise laws relating to municipal general obligation bonds	Pat Ingraham	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred—(S) Local Gov.
HB 230	Transfer board of crime control to corrections	Steve Gibson	(S) 3rd Reading Failed*
HB 243	Revise laws on uninsured motorists	Douglas Kary	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Highways & Transportation
HB 258	Revise definition of guest ranch	Champ Edmunds	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 259	Revise motor vehicle laws regarding intersections	Cleve Loney	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 262	Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program	Diane Sands	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 263	Revise county water and sewer district assessment law	Gordon Vance	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 264	Allow any person to file complaint with insurance commissioner	Gordon Vance	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs
HB 265	Prohibit insurer from disregarding cost item identified by estimating system	Gordon Vance	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 269	Provide for "blue alert" system regarding violent offenders	Steve Lavin	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 271	Exception to concealed weapon offense if eligible to obtain permit	Krayton Kerns	(H) 3rd Reading Conference Committee Report Adopted
HB 273	Generally revise roadway access laws	Robert Mehlhoff	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 275	Provide offset of personal consumption expenses in survival actions	Scott Reichner	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
HB 277	Provide for regulation of golf cart operation	Ted Washburn	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 279	Providing disaster and emergency services to tribal governments	Frank Smith	(H) Transmitted to Governor

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 283	Allow sex to be considered in certain insurance coverage	Liz Bangerter	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 292	Constitutional referendum amending right to a clean and healthful environment	Dan Kennedy	(S) 3rd Reading Failed*
HB 293	Provide tax exempt status for certain land owned by veterans' organizations	Pat Connell	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 295	Defining and recording wind energy rights	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 306	Eliminate requirement for notary public to keep and maintain a journal	Tom Berry	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 307	Prohibit building codes from requiring some mandatory sprinkler systems	Tom Burnett	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 310	Clarify initiatives language	Joanne Blyton	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 315	Revise historic traction boiler inspection and traction license requirements	Margaret MacDonald	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 330	Require voter registration forms provide option for subsequent absentee ballots	Bryce Bennett	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 348	Revise outdated reference for interest rates and provide alternate	Sue Malek	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 352	Revise laws relating to water quality standards and provide alternatives	Ryan Osmundson	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 359	Revise workers' compensation law on settlements & lump-sum payments	Gordon Vance	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 360	Criminalize passengers failure to report certain motor vehicle accidents	Daniel Salomon	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 367	Delaying motor vehicle insurance verification system implementation	Gary MacLaren	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 370	Increase motor vehicle fee for state parks and Virginia & Nevada Cities	Carolyn Squires	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 377	Revise laws to allow medication aides in nursing homes	Wendy Warburton	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 379	Generally revise search warrant requirements	Mike Menahan	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 380	Revise laws related to water and waste water systems and districts	Mark Blasdel	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 384	Revise carrying concealed weapon in prohibited places	Krayton Kerns	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 388	Statutorily require comparison of spending, budgets & various economic indices	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 391	Prohibit local initiative from establishing priority of enforcement of state law	Tom Berry	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 399	Allow transfer of salvage title work without notary signature	Elsie Arntzen	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 402	Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel	Matthew Rosendale	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
HB 403	Revise cluster development law	Gary MacLaren	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 405	Medical malpractice reform	Janna Taylor	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 410	Establish principles for social service provider rates	Bill Beck	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety
HB 411	Authorizing the actual cost of meals for certain wildland firefighters	Franke Wilmer	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 423	Authorize blackjack tables to fund social services	Tony Belcourt	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Finance and Claims
HB 430	Revise laws regarding administration of conservation districts	Cleve Loney	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 431	Eliminate state election day as a legal holiday	Keith Regier	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postpone Motion Failed
HB 444	Create budget database website for taxpayer right to know	Tom Burnett	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 445	Allow health care choice thru out-of-state policies	Cary Smith	(S) Reconsidered Previous Action; Remains in 3rd Reading Process
HB 446	Address homeless prevention for people under Dept. of Corrections supervision	Ellie Boldman Hill	(S) 3rd Reading Failed*

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HB 448	Enact interstate compact for enforcement of firearms freedom laws	Krayton Kerns	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 463	Revise property tax reappraisal process by specifying burden of proof on value	Scott Reichner	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Taxation
HB 480	Revise laws relating to justice's court	Mike Menahan	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 481	Revise state land laws for regional water systems	Tony Belcourt	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 483	Revise campaign finance regulation of churches	David Howard	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 484	Clarify receipt of absentee ballots for subsequent elections is not permanent	Carolyn Squires	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 489	Revise statutory rules for determining residency for voting and registration	Jerry O'Neil	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) State Administration
HB 492	Prohibit immigration sanctuary policies by local governments	David Howard	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 494	Revise laws relating to subdivision exemptions	Champ Edmunds	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 496	Allowing law enforcement agencies to destroy certain firearms they possess	Mike Menahan	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 508	Require payment of partial salary to injured rural firefighter	Mary McNally	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 516	Limiting local ordinances to state protected classes	Kris Hansen	(S) Taken from 2nd Reading; Rereferred to Committee – (S) Local Government
HB 529	Revise certain document fees for mining claims	Wayne Stahl	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 530	Allow counties to prepare mail ballots before election day	Ted Washburn	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 534	Require proof of citizenship to receive state services	David Howard	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 538	Providing for sale of bonds at public or private sale	Ken Peterson	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 541	Exempt domestic livestock trailing from FVFP regulation and MEPA	Jeffery Welborn	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 552	Provide workers' comp to volunteer firefighters and EMS workers	Alan Hale	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 560	Increase public involvement in urban renewal areas	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 561	Revise criteria for factors in urban renewal districts	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 562	Require notification of county and schools of urban renewal district	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 563	Provide for public-private partnerships	Elsie Arntzen	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
HB 567	Revise property appraisal process by allowing extended assessment review	Scott Reichner	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Taxation
HB 573	Generally revise health insurance laws for data and analysis generation	Chuck Hunter	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 575	Generally revise annexation laws	Kris Hansen	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 577	Revise taxes by removing tip income for workers' compensation purposes	Wayne Stahl	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 584	Allow use of older license plates on motor vehicles	Robert Mehlhoff	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 594	Require a recycled content in state contracts and highway construction	Jon Sesso	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 602	Require interim study of exempt water wells	Walter McNutt	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 609	Referendum on freedom to choose health insurance coverage	Gary MacLaren	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 611	Generally revise use of accounts to implement House Bill No. 2	Rob Cook	(S) Free Conference Committee Appointed
HB 613	Generally revise elements of the budget process to implement House Bill No. 2	Don Roberts	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
HB 615	Advance cancer research and treatment	Kathleen Williams	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 616	Correct erroneous agriculture land values, provide remedy, create ag. committee	Lee Randall	(H) Returned from Enrolling

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 618	Exempt certain tribally owned property from taxation	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 619	Generally revise FWP laws to implement HB2	Duane Ankney	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 631	Generally revise motor vehicle laws on ignition interlock requirements	Mike Menahan	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Judiciary
HB 632	Use spendable portion of coal sev. tax to pay down UAL in PERS, TRS, SRS, GWPORS	Janna Taylor	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
HB 636	Revise motor vehicle laws	Cleve Loney	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Highways & Transportation
HB 641	Review tax expenditures	Betsy Hands	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HJ 1	Resolution urging federal legislation removing wolf from Endangered Species list	Mike Milburn	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
HJ 9	Interim study of self-governing authority by school boards	James Knox	(H) 3rd Reading Failed*
HJ 24	Interim study on property tax and options to replace with other revenue	Joanne Blyton	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
HJ 25	Interim study on establishment of state bank of Montana	Sue Malek	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs
HJ 28	Interim study on regulation of dog breeders	Margaret MacDonald	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
HJ 29	Interim study of federal, state, and local regulation of food prod. & processing	Timothy Furey	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
HJ 31	Study of property tax reappraisal process	Gordon Hendrick	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
HJ 32	Resolution to study state parks, recreation, heritage programs	Pat Connell	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Fish & Game
HJ 36	Interim study on appropriate compensation for wrongfully convicted	Wendy Warburton	(H) 2nd Reading Passed
SB 12	Repeal obsolete business equipment property tax reimbursement	Ron Erickson	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 15	Create misdemeanor crime of aggravated DUI	Larry Jent	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 21	Court dismissal of case with no action	Jim Shockley	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 24	Revise involuntary commitment of alcoholics	Jim Shockley	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
SB 28	Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 32	Revise interim committee laws	David Wanzenried	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 34	Revise interim committees	Jeff Essmann	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 35	Revise laws related to navigable river beds	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 38	Revise laws related to state land trust interest and income revenue	Bob Hawks	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 41	Allow cities to establish courts of record	Jim Shockley	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 42	Authorize warrants to obtain blood or breath test in DUI cases	Jim Shockley	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 49	Revise size of trailer license plates	Gary Branae	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 53	Amend MAPA to change required language of an e-notice of proposed rule	Joe Balyeat	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 55	Implement the federal military and overseas empowerment act	Larry Jent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 66	Revise laws governing establishment of community college districts	Bob Lake	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Education
SB 67	Temporarily suspend juvenile delinquency intervention program annual evaluation	Jim Shockley	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 68	Clarify duty of driver in accident to remain at the scene	Larry Jent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 72	Revise contracting authority for community corrections programs	Kim Gillan	Chapter Number Assigned

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SB 75	Allow flexible hours for local property tax operations	Jon Sonju	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 89	Reduce DEQ and local sanitation review times	Art Wittich	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 95	Revise notary stamp requirements	Jim Shockley	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 106	Compel participation in lawsuit on health care reform	Jason Priest	(S) 2nd Reading Governor's Proposed Amendments Not Adopted
SB 110	Exclude land occupied by county road from taxation	John Brenden	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 111	Limit noneconomic damages in motor vehicle accidents	Jon Sonju	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 113	Transfer statutory excess retirement funds in trust by school districts to TRS	Larry Jent	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) State Administration
SB 114	Federal law enforcement officers should communicate with sheriff	Greg Hinkle	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 117	Coordination between counties, districts, and federal government	Greg Hinkle	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Local Government
SB 120	Require publishing of appointed members to all state agency boards	John Brenden	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 128	Exempt fire department emergency wells from permitting	Bob Lake	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 129	Provide limit to state employee salaries and benefits	Dave Lewis	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
SB 142	Revise public notice of predator transplantation	Debby Barrett	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Agriculture
SB 143	Revise state grizzly bear policy	Debby Barrett	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SB 151	Provide a court surcharge to fund Montana Crime Prevention Association	Taylor Brown	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary
SB 152	Increase the penalty for sexual assault for second and subsequent offenses	Taylor Brown	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 176	Prohibit qualified health plans from covering abortion services through exchange	Rowlie Hutton	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 182	Eliminate 2 advisory units for board of regents	Kendall Van Dyk	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) State Administration
SB 187	Generally revise public defender laws	Jim Shockley	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
SB 198	Revise fiscal note law	Joe Balyeat	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SB 207	Clarify regulation of bison	Frederick Moore	(S) 2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred
SB 216	Designate the "code of the west" the "code of Montana"	Jim Peterson	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Agriculture
SB 222	Revise qualifications for firefighters	Shannon Augare	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 223	Revise volunteer firefighter pensions	Ryan Zinke	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 227	Requiring a report on advertising of state government services	Jason Priest	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) State Administration
SB 228	Prohibit creation of health insurance exchange under PPACA	Jason Priest	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 233	Generally revise environmental impact laws	Jim Keane	(S) 2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred
SB 234	Revising conditions for municipal garbage service	Jon Sonju	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 236	Revise solid waste laws related to local government	Edward Buttrey	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 237	Revise laws relating to brucellosis surveillance	Ron Arthun	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 238	Increase jurisdictional limit for justice , city, and small claims courts	Anders Blewett	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 241	Revise calculation of physician reimbursement for Medicaid services	Jason Priest	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 242	Revising workers' compensation law on agricultural workers	John Brenden	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 253	Eliminate certain individual and corporation tax credits	Bob Lake	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments

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SB 254	Provide state eminent domain authority for federal lands	Rowlie Hutton	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 261	Constitutional referendum to require annual sessions and reduce days	Jeff Essmann	(H) 2nd Reading Not Concurred*
SB 265	Reduce property taxes on new construction for use of gray water systems	Bradley Hamlett	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
SB 275	Revise laws relating to public cemeteries	Ryan Zinke	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 278	Provide for ambulance membership programs	Carmine Mowbray	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 279	Allow legislative security personnel w/permit to carry weapon into Capitol	Verdell Jackson	(H) Signed by Speaker
SB 287	Require certain corporate officers or managers of LLC's to obtain work comp	Jim Keane	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 294	Revise workforce training grant program	Edward Buttrey	(H) Returned to Senate Concurred in Governor's Proposed Amendments
SB 298	Revise land use laws regarding wildland urban interface	Chas Vincent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 301	Moratorium on land purchases by dept. of fish, wildlife, and parks	Rick Ripley	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
SB 303	Generally revise state land laws	John Brenden	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SB 312	Revise metal mine laws	Chas Vincent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 315	Revise school law on standard of review for school board decisions	Rick Ripley	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 317	Generally revise the Montana Environmental Policy Act	Chas Vincent	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecommunications
SB 320	Clarifying certain provisions of the Major Facility Siting Act	Llew Jones	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 328	Require PERS new hires to be in DC plan	Dave Lewis	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) State Administration
SB 338	Revise laws regarding certain officials and public service announcements	Ron Arthun	(H) Conference Committee Appointed
SB 340	Clarifying the enforcement of laws related to fire hazard reduction	Chas Vincent	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 342	Define misconduct for unemployment insurance laws	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 343	Revise Montana aquatic invasive species act	Verdell Jackson	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 04/12/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
SB 346	Require Dept of Revenue to provide certain information on website	Bob Lake	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*
SB 347	Revise the private property assessment act	Bob Lake	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 351	Revise laws governing managed care	Rick Ripley	(H) Returned to Senate Concurred in Governor's Proposed Amendments
SB 356	Clarifying definition of good cause for water right objections	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Returned with Governor's Proposed Amendments
SB 361	Generally revise gambling laws	Rick Ripley	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 366	Generally revise welfare laws	Chas Vincent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 376	Revise local government laws to expand maturity date limitations on investments	Bob Lake	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 382	Require the Department of Revenue to provide certain information to taxpayer	Kim Gillan	(H) Signed by Speaker
SB 384	Eliminate certain committees and boards in Dept. of Agriculture	Kendall Van Dyk	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Agriculture
SB 397	Increase authority of commissioner of political practices for noncompliance	Christine Kaufmann	(H) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (H) State Administration
SB 406	Central assessment mediation instead of dispute review or tax appeal board	Jeff Essmann	(H) Hearing – (H) Approps. 04/18/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 102

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No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 409	Revise methods to establish rental fees and sale of state land cabin sites	Bruce Tutvedt	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
SB 410	Expend PPL v. MT proceeds on higher producing land to benefit public schools	John Brenden	(S) 2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred
SB 411	Revise administration of tax interest, penalties and delinquencies	Ron Erickson	(S) 2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred
SB 412	Revise laws to temporarily exempt tribal fee land in trust land process	Shannon Augare	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 414	Provide for control of wolves	Chas Vincent	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SB 424	Implement transfer from Older Montanans trust fund to general fund	Carol Williams	(S) 2nd Reading House Amendments Concur Motion Failed
SB 426	Referendum for contingent property and income tax reductions based on surplus	Joe Balyeat	(S) 2nd Reading House Amendments Concurred
SJ 12	Resolution urging oil and gas leasing of federal land	Edward Walker	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SJ 16	Study resolution on increasing passenger rail in Montana	Tom Facey	(S) Tabled in Committee* – (S) Highways & Transportation
SJ 17	Interim study of valuing centrally assessed property for tax purposes	Bruce Tutvedt	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SJ 20	Study resolution on implementation of privatization of Medicaid administration	Art Wittich	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SJ 21	Study of eminent domain and just compensation for property	Jim Peterson	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SJ 23	Interim study on exemption of nonprofits from property taxes	Jeff Essmann	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading (H) Floor - 4/18/2011
SJ 24	Joint resolution to study issue of national popular vote for president	Jim Shockley	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 04/20/2011; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SJ 26	Study resolution for interim monitoring activities recommended by Joint Subcomm	Dave Lewis	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
SR 20	Confirm Governor's appointee to Transportation Commission	Llew Jones	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 04/07/2011; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SR 24	Confirm certain Governor's appointees	Jim Shockley	(S) Returned from Enrolling

* after status indicates the bill is **probably** dead: "Probably Dead" is a Bill Progress Category, and is assigned to those bills that have been voted down or missed a transmittal deadline, and to those bill drafts that have been canceled. To revive a bill that is "probably dead" typically requires a supermajority vote (usually a 2/3 vote) by the House or Senate.