

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Ripley, on January 9, 2007 at 7:58
A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch
Christie Messer, Committee Secretary
Eileen Rose, Office of Budget
and Program Planning

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:	Department of Commerce proposed appropriations by division
Executive Action:	none

Department of Commerce

00:00:01 Chairman Ripley called hearing to order
00:00:15 Sen. Hansen
00:02:26 Tony Preite, Director of Montana Department of
Commerce (DOC)

EXHIBIT(jnh05a01)

00:09:36 Andy Poole, Administrator, DOC Business Resource
Division

EXHIBIT(jnh05a02)

00:21:53 Rep. Ripley
00:22:37 Mr. Poole
00:23:40 Rep. Ripley
00:24:23 Mr. Poole
00:24:50 Rep. Witte
00:25:14 Rep. Ripley
00:25:57 Mr. Poole

EXHIBIT(jnh05a03)

00:52:41 Rep. Ripley
00:53:51 Mr. Poole (read through of DOC DPs)

DP 5101-BRD New Worker Training, OTO

DP 5103-BRD Main Street, OTO

DP 5104-BRD Made in Montana, OTO

DP 5105-BRD Tribal Economic Development, OTO

DP 5106-BRD Montana Capital Investment Board, OTO

DP 5108-BRD Federal Grants Adjustment

DP 5109-BRD Administrative Costs Adjustments

DP 5111-Tribal Economic Development Commission

DP 5112-BRD Biomedical Research Grant, BIEN, OTO

DP 6001-CDD Community Technical Assistance Program

DP 7411-HD Manufactured Home Renovations Program, OTO

DP 7412-HD Manufactured Home Renovation Program SSR Approp

00:54:15 Rep. Ripley
00:55:00 Mr. Poole
01:16:48 Rep. Witte
01:17:19 Mr. Poole
01:19:26 Rep. Ripley
01:19:45 Sen. Hansen
01:20:32 Mr. Poole
01:22:18 Sen. Hansen
01:22:52 Mr. Poole
01:23:23 Rep. Ripley
01:23:54 Mr. Poole
01:24:17 Rep. Ripley
01:24:37 Mr. Poole
01:25:03 Rep. Witte

01:26:19 Mr. Poole
01:27:03 Rep. Ripley
01:27:16 Senator Tash
01:28:07 Mr. Poole
01:28:43 Rep. Ripley
01:28:57 Rep. Ripley
01:29:14 Mr. Poole
01:30:11 Rep. Ripley
01:30:30 Mr. Poole
01:30:58 Rep. Ripley
01:31:18 Mr. Poole
01:31:52 Rep. Ripley
01:32:49 Mr. Poole
01:34:01 Sen. Tropila
01:35:01 Mr. Poole
01:36:17 Sen. Tropila
01:36:57 Mr. Poole
01:37:38 Rep. Musgrove
01:38:35 Mr. Poole
01:38:56 Rep. Ripley

Public Testimony

01:39:25 Paul Tuss, BearPaw Development Corporation, proponent,
DP 5101
01:40:41 Dick King, Missoula Area Economic Development Corp.,
proponent, DP 5101

EXHIBIT(jnh05a04)

01:48:02 Jim Kambick President and CEO of the Montana
Economic Development Institute, Butte, proponent,
DP 5101
01:49:35 Rick Edwards, President of the Montana Economic
Developer's Association (MEDA), proponent, DP 5101

EXHIBIT(jnh05a05)

01:51:17 George Everett, Exec. Director of Mainstreet Uptown
Butte, DP 5103
01:54:20 Leesa Nopper, Marketing Works, DP 5104

EXHIBIT(jnh05a06)

01:58:56 Sen. Tash
01:59:57 Sen. Tropila
02:00:35 Rep. Ripley
02:01:07 Cindy Johnson, Pondera County Commissioner and First
Vice President of Montana Association of Counties,
proponent, DP 5101
02:02:21 Mr. Poole

EXHIBIT(jnh05a07)

EXHIBIT(jnh05a08)

02:03:13 Alec Hansen, Association of Montana Cities and Towns,
proponent DP 5103

02:05:45 Break announced by Rep. Ripley

02:17:30 Rep. reconvened meeting

02:17:42 Betsy Baumgart, DOC Montana Promotion Division
Administrator

EXHIBIT(jnh05a09)

02:34:57 Sen. Hansen

02:35:31 Ms. Baumgart

DP 5201- MPD Private Funds and Audit Adjustments

02:35:53 Ms. Baumgart

02:38:59 Rep. Witte

02:40:04 Rep. Ripley

02:40:45 Ms. Baumgart

02:41:50 Dave Cole, DOC Administrator of Community Development
Division.

EXHIBIT(jnh05a10)

DP 6002 CDD CDBG Federal Grants Adjustment, OTO

DP 6004 CDD Administrative Costs Adjustments

DP 6001 CDD Community Technical Assistance Program

03:04:53 Rep. Witte

03:05:28 Mr. Cole

03:05:46 Sen. Tropila

03:06:17 Mr. Cole

03:07:19 Sen. Tropila

03:07:56 Sen. Tropila

03:09:01 Bill Hoffman, DOC Budget Manager

03:09:43 Rep. Ripley

03:10:51 Mr. Cole

03:11:02 Rep. Ripley

03:12:06 Mr. Cole

03:14:28 Mr. Hoffman

03:15:51 Sen. Tropila

03:16:29 Pam Joehler

Additional Public Testimony

03:16:51 Sheryl Wood, Association Director of the Montana
Association of Counties, proponent of DOC budget and
specifically CTAP program, DP 6001.

EXHIBIT(jnh05a11)

03:20:00 Mr. Hansen, proponent of DP 6001.

03:22:17 Rep. Witte

03:23:32 John Williams, Rep. of the Coal Board and Mayor of
Colstrip, proponent of Coal Board, CDBG, and Housing
programs.

EXHIBIT(jnh05a12)

03:31:19 Rep. Ripley
03:31:28 Bob Gilbert on behalf of Rosebud County Commissioners,
proponent of additional spending authority needed by
DOC.
03:32:05 Gary Amistog on behalf of Richmond County
Commissioners, proponent of DOC budget and additional
spending authority needed by DOC. Also proponent of
reinstatement of CTAP program.
03:33:41 Glenn Oppel, MT Association of Realtors, proponent of
CTAP program.
03:34:48 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners, proponent
of the CTAP program.

EXHIBIT(jnh05a13)

03:41:09 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition, proponent of
the CTAP program being reinstated.
03:41:41 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and
Coal Producing Counties, proponent of reinstatement of
CTAP.
03:42:30 Myra Shults, Land Use Attorney from Missoula, proponent
of reinstatement of CTAP program.
03:48:48 Rep. Ripley
03:49:24 Mr. Poole
03:50:18 Rep. Ripley
03:51:47 Jim Morton, Rep. HRDC Network, proponent of DP 7411
and DP 7412
03:52:37 Leroy Licknas, president of the Montana Modular Housing
and RV Association, proponent of DP 7411 and DP 7412
03:54:10 Tess Keck, HRDC Billings, proponent of DP 7411 and DP
7412
03:55:54 Judy Smith, Director of Community Housing Development
in Billings and Missoula, on behalf of own
organization.

EXHIBIT(jnh05a14)

03:57:54 Wayne Schmidt, HRDC Billings, proponent of DP 7411 and
DP 7412
03:58:55 Julie Flynn, former Montana State Employee, proponent
of DP 7411 and DP 7412 and supporter of the Housing
Montana Fund.
04:01:12 Gene Clure, Director of Rocky Mountain Development
Council, proponent of DP 7411 and DP 7412.
04:01:23 Mr. Oppel, proponent of the Housing Trust Fund
04:01:58 Collette Gray, Opportunities Incorporated of Great
Falls.

EXHIBIT(jnh05a15)

EXHIBIT(jnh05a16)

EXHIBIT(jnh05a17)

EXHIBIT(jnh05a18)

EXHIBIT(jnh05a19)

ADJOURNMENT

4:04:00 Adjournment

REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

CHRISTIE MESSER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jnh05aad.pdf](#))