

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND PUBLIC
SAFETY**

Call to Order: By Chairman Ray Hawk, on January 10, 2007 at 8:00
A.M., in Room 317a Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray Hawk, Chairman (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

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: Informational Hearing, 1/8/2007
Executive Action:

Meeting with Department of Corrections

00:00:25 Chairman Hawk
00:00:27 Pat Gervais
00:02:30 Chairman Hawk
00:02:33 Brent Doig
00:02:43 Pat Gervais
00:03:21 Chairman Hawk
00:03:48 Mike Ferriter, Department of Corrections, Director
00:06:12 Jo Acton, Montana Women's Prison, Warden

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Public Comment:

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ADJOURNMENT

04:00:50 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. RAY HAWK, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jch06aad.pdf](#))