

**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 15, 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)  
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**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: Informational Hearing  
Executive Action: None

**Meeting with the Department of Corrections**

00:00:04 Chairman Hawk  
00:00:21 Mike Ferriter, Director, Montana Department of  
Corrections  
00:01:01 Chairman Hawk  
00:01:19 Director Ferriter  
00:03:14 Craig Thomas, Executive Director, Board of Pardons and  
Parole.  
00:07:25 Chairman Hawk  
00:07:29 Mr. Thomas  
00:23:11 Chairman Hawk  
00:23:15 Rep. Beck  
00:23:25 Mr. Thomas  
00:25:10 Chairman Hawk  
00:25:14 Sen. Bales  
00:25:46 Mr. Thomas  
00:27:30 Sen. Bales  
00:27:44 Rep. Hiner  
00:27:54 Mr. Thomas  
00:29:37 Chairman Hawk  
00:30:12 Sen. Bales  
00:30:24 Mr. Thomas  
00:30:33 Sen. Bales  
00:30:59 Chairman Hawk  
00:31:06 Mr. Thomas  
00:31:43 Chairman Hawk  
00:31:51 Mr. Thomas  
00:33:17 Chairman Hawk  
00:33:23 Rep. Hiner  
00:33:49 Mr. Thomas  
00:35:44 Rep. Beck  
00:36:00 Mr. Thomas  
00:37:30 Rep. Beck  
00:37:32 Sen. Bales  
00:37:33 Chairman Hawk  
00:38:03 Mr. Thomas  
00:39:44 Sen. Bales  
00:39:46 Chairman Hawk  
00:40:00 Mr. Thomas  
00:41:55 Rep. Beck  
00:42:27 Mr. Thomas  
00:43:44 Rep. Beck  
00:44:26 Mr. Thomas  
00:46:15 Chairman Hawk  
00:46:19 Director Ferriter  
00:46:54 Chairman Hawk  
00:47:04 Director Ferriter  
00:47:08 Chairman Hawk

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00:47:11 Director Ferriter  
00:47:21 Chairman Hawk  
00:47:32 Mr. Thomas  
00:49:06 Chairman Hawk  
00:49:20 Mr. Thomas  
00:50:27 Chairman Hawk  
00:50:35 Don Hargrove, Member, Board of Parole

**EXHIBIT (jch09a01)**

00:57:45 Chairman Hawk  
00:57:53 Mr. Thomas  
00:59:25 Chairman Hawk  
00:59:31 Sen. Schmidt  
00:59:47 Mr. Thomas  
01:00:57 Chairman Hawk  
01:01:12 Director Ferriter

**EXHIBIT (jch09a02)**

01:01:37 Chairman Hawk  
01:01:48 Sen. Schmidt  
01:02:03 Director Ferriter  
01:06:46 Chairman Hawk

**Public Comment:**

01:07:09 Cathy McGowan  
01:10:17 Chairman Hawk  
01:10:29 Scott Crichton, American Civil Liberties Union

**EXHIBIT (jch09a03)**

01:17:35 Chairman Hawk  
01:17:54 Rep. Hiner  
01:18:03 Sen. Schmidt

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**ADJOURNMENT**

01:18:53 Adjournment

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REP. RAY HAWK, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jch09aad.pdf](#))**