

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD, on January 16, 2007 at 2:25 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Barbara Smith, Fiscal Analyst II

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 10, HB 150, HB 155, HB 160, HB 179, 1/11/2007
Executive Action: HB 10

HEARING ON HB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:13 Rep. John (Jack) Ross (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 150, Increase statutory appropriation for disasters and emergencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Amy Sassano, Operations and Budget Manager, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office

00:05:01 Mary Sexton, Director Natural Resources and Conservation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:19 Dan McGowan, Administrator, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:58 Rep. Morgan

00:08:08 Dan McGowan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:52 Rep. Ross

00:09:36 Break

00:26:03 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:13 Rep. Eve Franklin (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 10, Supplemental appropriation for fire suppression.

Proponent Testimony:

00:29:28 Ann Bauchman, Administrator, Centralized Services, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

EXHIBIT (aph10a01)

00:31:35 Amy Sassano, Operations and Budget Manager, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:02 Rep. John Musgrove
00:33:35 Rep. Eve Franklin
00:34:04 Rep. Penny Morgan
00:39:29 Ann Bauchman
00:39:41 Rep. William Glaser
00:40:11 Bob Harrington, Forestry Division Administrator,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(aph10a02)

00:41:09 Rep. Glaser
00:41:30 Mr. Harrington
00:41:52 Rep. Glaser
00:42:03 Rep. Sinrud
00:42:12 Rep. Glaser
00:42:17 Rep. Sinrud
00:42:36 Rep. Jon Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:04 Rep. Franklin

HEARING ON HB 179

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:59 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB
179, Create Montana military family relief fund.

Proponent Testimony:

00:49:24 John Bohlinger, Lieutenant Governor, Montana

EXHIBIT(aph10a03)

EXHIBIT(aph10a04)

00:54:43 Brig. General Stan Putnam, Assistant Adjutant General,
Montana Army National Guard; for Major General Randy
Mosely
00:57:06 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Associations, both
Army and Air
00:59:43 Colonel Jim Jacobson, United States Army Retired,
Legislative Chairman of Montana American Legion
01:03:16 Dan Antonetti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of
Foreign Wars

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

01:04:19 Lt. Colonel James P. Moran, Staff Legal Counsel,
Montana National Guard

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:14 Rep. Penny Morgan
01:05:54 Lt. Colonel Moran
01:07:01 Rep. Jon Sesso
01:07:38 Lt. Colonel Moran
01:07:50 Rep. John Sinrud
01:07:54 Rep. Sesso
01:08:32 Rep. Joey Jayne
01:11:01 Lt. Colonel Moran
01:11:44 Rep. Sinrud
01:13:27 Rep. Julie French
01:13:39 Lt. Colonel Moran
01:14:24 Rep. Sinrud
01:17:10 Lt. Colonel Moran

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:50 Rep. French
01:18:22 Rep. Sinrud

HEARING ON HB 160

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:50 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB
160, Repay land trusts for prior diversions.

Proponent Testimony:

01:21:26 Sen. Rick Liable
01:25:56 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes chair
01:26:22 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education

Opponent Testimony:

01:27:54 Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC

Informational Testimony:

01:35:25 Barbara Smith, Fiscal Analyst II

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:23 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:38:42 Ms. Smith
01:39:23 Rep. Sinrud resumed chair
01:39:30 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:40:08 Ms. Smith
01:40:31 Rep. Taylor
01:42:52 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:09 Rep. Stoker

HEARING ON HB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:43:55 Rep. Art Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 155, Extend National Guard life insurance reimbursement.

[EXHIBIT \(aph10a05\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

01:49:19 Brig. General Stan Putnam, Assistant Adjutant General, Montana Army National Guard; for Major General Randy Mosely
01:51:42 Rep. Sinrud
01:52:55 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Associations, both Army and Air
01:55:19 Colonel Jim Jacobson, United States Army Retired, Legislative Chairman of Montana American Legion
01:56:53 Dan Antonetti, State Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Opponent Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:57:29 Lt. Colonel James P. Moran, Staff Legal Counsel, Montana National Guard

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:31 Rep. Noonan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10

Discussion:

02:01:17 Rep. Sinrud
02:03:40 Rep. Glaser
02:04:14 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
02:06:14 Rep. Glaser

02:08:14 **Motion:** Rep. Kasten moved that **HB 10 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:09:03 Rep. Sinrud
02:09:09 Rep. Glaser

02:10:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of members present, 17-0.

Discussion:

02:11:15 Rep. Dave Kasten
02:12:14 Rep. Sinrud
02:12:43 Rep. Jon Sesso
02:13:13 Rep. Sinrud

EXHIBIT(aph10a06)

EXHIBIT(aph10a07)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph10aad.pdf](#))