

MINUTES

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

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jack Wells, on January 23, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jack Wells, Chairman (R)
Sen. Bob Hawks, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Eve Franklin (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mark Bruno, OBPP
Alan Peura, Legislative Branch
Kathy Baird, Committee Secretary

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:

Budget Hearing Public Comment: Public Service and Research
Agencies
University Campuses

Committee Business:

00:00:05 Chairman Wells

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PUBLIC SERVICE AND RESEARCH AGENCIES

Agriculture Experiment Stations:

00:02:40 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

EXHIBIT (jeh15a01)

00:13:02 Mark Peterson, Small Grains Producer, Havre

00:15:37 Dan Lake, Farmer, Ronan

00:18:20 Curtis Hershberger, Montana Agricultural Business
Association, Denton

00:22:52 Wayne Milmihe, Rancher, Sanders

00:25:24 Mike Greytak, Dryland Farmer and Rancher, Yellowstone
County

00:27:43 Brett Nedens, Dryland Farmer, Big Horn County

00:32:06 Shawn Erikson, Agriculture, Lewistown

00:33:29 Mike Bernhardt, Farmer, Park City area

00:36:07 Bill Jones, Rancher, Harlowton

00:37:43 Matt Flikkema, Director, Montana Grain Growers
Association

EXHIBIT (jeh15a02)

00:39:40 Gary Amostoy, Richland County Economic Association

00:41:09 Pat Torgeson, Agricultural Producer, Richland County

00:42:15 Carl Thrasher, Sugar Beet and Barley Farmer, Huntley
Project

Committee Questions On Agricultural Experiment Stations:

00:46:29 Sen. Lewis

00:46:58 Mr. Youngberg, MFB

00:48:47 Sen. Lewis

00:49:06 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner, Office of the
Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

00:50:28 Sen. Wanzenried

00:50:59 Ms. Stearns, OCHE

00:55:29 Sen. Wanzenried

00:55:49 Mr. Youngberg, MFB

00:56:10 Geoff Gamble, President, Montana State University (MSU)

00:56:34 Jeff Jacobsen, Dean, Montana Agricultural Experiment
Station (MAES)

00:57:19 Sen. Wanzenried

00:58:10 Sen. Hawks

00:59:37 Mr. Youngberg, MFB

Cooperative Extension Service:

01:01:11 Marcia Hollandsworth, 4-H and Extension
01:09:46 Dave Kelsey, Rancher, Stillwater County
01:19:54 Nancy Meuli, Chair, Montana Extension Advisory
Council

EXHIBIT (jeh15a03)

01:27:06 Mr. Youngberg, MFB

Committee Questions On Cooperative Extension Service:

01:28:26 Sen. Hawks
01:29:10 Mr. Jacobsen, MAES

01:30:32 Break
01:47:11 Reconvene

Bureau Of Mines:

01:48:03 Ed Deal, Director, Bureau of Mines and Geology, Butte
EXHIBIT (jeh15a04)

Forestry and Conservation Experiment Station:

01:49:37 Ellen Engsteat, testifying and submitting an exhibit
for Gordon Sanders, Resource Manager for Pyramid
Mountain Lumber, Seeley Lake

EXHIBIT (jeh15a05)

01:52:10 Smoke Elser, Commercial Outfitter, Missoula
01:53:23 Hank Goetz, Ovando

Fire Services Training School:

01:56:38 Gar Wood, Archaeologist, Loma Rural Volunteer Fire
Department, Loma
02:01:17 William Rash, Fire Chief, Lewistown City/Rural Fire
District

EXHIBIT (jeh15a06)

02:10:30 Mary Messina, Secretary/Treasurer, Heath Rural Fire
District Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT (jeh15a07)

02:13:09 Steve Larson, President, Montana State Fire Chief
Association
02:14:52 Carl Thrasher, Gore Hill Volunteer Fire Department,
Great Falls
02:15:44 Mark Peterson, Farmer and former Firefighter, Havre
02:16:11 Doug Neil, Montana State Fireman's Association

02:18:12 Break
02:21:18 Reconvene

PUBLIC COMMENT ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

02:24:02 Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction
02:28:19 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction
02:30:09 Kayla Lougheed, former member of Board of Regents
02:34:31 Carol Vega, Montana Tech
02:35:50 Doug Cameron, Department Head, Montana Tech
02:39:17 Steve York, President, School Administrators of Montana
02:43:59 Karen VanDavere, Director of Nursing, Montana Tech
02:45:03 Heather O'Loughlin, Board of Regents, UM
02:46:11 Andrea Helling, Association of Students, UM
02:47:49 Terry Schend, Business Owner, Havre
02:54:09 Amy Astin, Director of Advocacy, Benefis Healthcare

EXHIBIT (jeh15a08)

02:56:30 Chris Mjelde, President of the Associated Students of Montana Tech (ASMT)

EXHIBIT (jeh15a09)

02:57:44 Don Peoples, Former President of MSC, Butte
03:05:09 Bea McCarthy, Anaconda
03:07:09 Scott Martin, Student Government MSU-B
03:09:48 Curtis Andersen, Senator, Montana Tech, ASMT

EXHIBIT (jeh15a10)

03:10:59 Shawn Shea, Civil Engineer
03:12:52 Scott Enginsburgger, Student, MSU
03:13:32 Cole Arthein, Associated Student Body, MSU
03:14:53 James Greer, Senator, Student Government, UM
03:17:03 Tara Ness, Associated Students, UM
03:18:26 Rachel Nieki, Student, UM
03:19:27 Dr. Douglas Carr, Medical Director, Billings Clinic

EXHIBIT (jeh15a11)

03:28:12 Samantha Clawson, Student, MSU-N
03:29:16 Chelsey Johnson, Student, MSU
03:31:50 Dael Householder, Student, MSU
03:34:07 Kiser Hardaway, Student, MSU
03:37:07 Mike O'Neill, Northwestern Energy
03:43:01 Erin Smith, Student, MSU-Great Falls
03:43:41 Sara Fromms, MSU-B
03:45:24 Dick Brown, Montana Health Care Providers
03:50:09 Ed Bartlett, Lawyer, Montana Speech and Hearing
03:50:55 Rick Hays, Member, Shared Leadership Distance Learning Steering Committee

EXHIBIT (jeh15a12)

03:51:46 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charities Hospitals
03:53:21 Annie Glover, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
03:53:48 Tom Kotynski, Great Falls Public School System District

03:55:18 Teresa Olds, President/CEO, Great Falls Area Chamber of
Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a13\)](#)

03:57:07 Steve Meloy, Executive Secretary, Board of Public
Education

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a14\)](#)

Closing Comments:

03:58:07 Chairman Wells

Additional Exhibits:

Written Testimony

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a15\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a16\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a17\)](#)

Written Testimony

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a18\)](#)

Written Testimony

[EXHIBIT\(jeh15a19\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

03:58:45 Adjournment

REP. JACK WELLS, Chairman

KATHY BAIRD, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jeh15aad.pdf](#))