

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on January 29, 2007 at 3:24 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. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, 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: HB 32, HB 35, HB 96, HB 302, HB 366, 1/25/2007
Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Rep. Sinrud

HEARING ON HB 366

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Holly Raser (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 366, Fund Leadership Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:30 Bruce Whittenberg, Executive Director, Leadership Montana, Billings

EXHIBIT(aph19a01)

00:06:45 Mark Burzinski, Vice President of Health Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS); member of Leadership Montana Class of 2004; Director, Board of Leadership Montana

EXHIBIT(aph19a02)

00:10:19 Sen. John Brueggeman

00:11:44 Mike McGinley, County Commissioner, Beaverhead County; member of first class of Leadership Montana

00:13:44 Jacquie Helt, self, member of Leadership Montana Class of 2006; represents AFL-CIO, a sponsoring company

00:15:52 Lisa Reed Perry, Manager Community Affairs, PPL Montana Montana; 2006 Leadership Montana graduate

00:17:25 Gordon McKerrow, Floweree resident, attended Leadership Montana class

00:19:06 Mike Halligan, Director Corporate and Government Affairs, Washington Companies

00:20:13 Doug Neil, member of first class of Leadership Montana

00:21:28 Jean Branscum, alumni of Leadership Montana; Deputy for Secretary of State, Brad Johnson

00:23:27 Scott Martin, represents students at Montana State University-Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:51 Rep. Witte

00:25:11 Mr. Whittenberg

00:26:26 Rep. Wells

00:27:55 Mr. Whittenberg

00:29:01 Rep. Kasten

00:32:23 Mr. Whittenberg

00:32:30 Rep. Beck

00:32:59 Mr. Whittenberg

00:33:59 Rep. Sinrud
00:35:39 Mr. Whittenberg

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:42 Rep. Raser

HEARING ON HB 302

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:15 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 302, Unclaimed lottery funds to fund affordable housing account.

EXHIBIT(aph19a03)

00:39:32 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes chair
00:41:28 Rep. Sinrud resumes chair

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:20 Judy Smith, Homeward, Billings

EXHIBIT(aph19a04)

00:51:24 Michael O'Neil, Program Officer, AWARE; Montana Home Choice Coalition

EXHIBIT(aph19a05)

00:55:48 Peggy Trenk, Montana Association of Realtors
00:57:25 Olivia Riutta, WEEL
00:58:36 Dell Lonnquist, volunteer with AARP Montana

EXHIBIT(aph19a06)

00:59:56 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:00:53 Rep. Betsy Hands
01:02:06 Sheila Rice, former legislator, Montana Home Ownership Network
01:02:59 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montanans' Against Sexual Violence
01:03:29 Jessica La Roche, student representative, Associated Students at Montana State University, Bozeman

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:04:28 Jeri Duran, Marketing and Sales Director, Montana Lottery
01:04:49 Bruce Brensdal, Executive Director, Montana Board of Housing

EXHIBIT(aph19a07)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:37 Rep. Sesso
 01:06:00 Mr. Brensdal
 01:07:53 Rep. Sesso
 01:08:26 Mr. O'Neill
 01:09:11 Rep. Sesso
 01:10:54 Ms. Smith
 01:11:17 Rep. Sesso
 01:11:48 Rep. Erickson
 01:13:11 Rep. Beck
 01:15:05 Mr. Brensdal
 01:16:08 Rep. Taylor
 01:18:12 Mr. Brensdal
 01:19:09 Rep. Morgan
 01:19:33 Mr. Brensdal
 01:20:29 Rep. Kasten
 01:21:44 Mr. Brensdal
 01:22:23 Rep. Sinrud
 01:22:37 Ms. Smith
 01:25:39 Rep. Hands
 01:26:31 Rep. Sinrud
 01:27:38 Mr. Brensdal
 01:27:58 Rep. Sinrud
 01:29:24 Ms. Rice
 01:30:21 Rep. Sinrud
 01:30:26 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:36 Rep. Erickson
 01:32:29 Vice Chairman Taylor assumes chair

HEARING ON HB 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:57 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 35, Assistance to victims of identity theft.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:16 Pam Busi, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)
 01:35:43 Kelsen Young, Helena resident
 01:36:44 Jim Madison, AARP Montana volunteer
[EXHIBIT](#) (aph19a08)

01:39:10 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers' Association; also
representing Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent
Bankers' Association
01:39:33 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:39:50 Larry Murphy, Office of State Public Defender
01:40:25 Harry Freeborn, Office of State Public Defender

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:51 Rep. Kasten
01:41:05 Rep. Keane
01:41:28 Rep. Jayne
01:44:09 Mr. Freeborn
01:44:21 Rep. Taylor
01:44:31 Rep. Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:50 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:25 Rep. Kevin Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB
32, Revise identification theft laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:12 Pam Busi, Assistant Attorney General, DOJ
01:48:09 Rep. Sinrud returns and assumes chair
01:49:32 Kelsen Young, citizen
01:50:49 Jim Madison, volunteer for AARP Montana
01:51:10 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers' Assn; Steve Yeakel,
Montana Independent Bankers' Association
01:51:44 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers' Assn

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:52:32 Larry Murphy, Attorney, State Office of Public Defender
01:52:47 Harry Freeborn, Administrative Director, State Office
of Public Defender

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:10 Rep. Sinrud
01:53:40 Mr. Murphy
01:54:40 Rep. Sesso
01:56:19 Mr. Freeborn
01:56:29 Rep. Sinrud
01:58:58 Mr. Freeborn
01:59:32 Rep. Hawk
01:59:54 Rep. Sinrud
02:00:00 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
02:01:14 Rep. Hawk
02:01:37 Mr. Moe
02:01:59 Rep. Hawk
02:02:11 Rep. Witte
02:02:26 Rep. Furey
02:02:35 Ms. Busi
02:03:39 Rep. Witte
02:03:57 Ms. Busi
02:04:44 Rep. Jayne
02:06:31 Ms. Busi

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:46 Rep. Furey

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:54 Rep. Krayton Kerns (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 96, Fund veteran cemetery maintenance.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:08:50 Rep. Morgan
02:09:35 Colonel Jim Jacobson, United States Army, retired;
Montana American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:10:49 Joe Foster, Administrator, Montana Veteran Affairs'
Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:11 Rep. Kasten

02:12:00 Rep. Kerns
02:12:42 Mr. Foster
02:13:50 Rep. Sinrud
02:14:35 Mr. Foster

Closing by Sponsor:

02:15:56 Rep. Kerns

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph19aad.pdf](#))