

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on January 30, 2007 at 3:22 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 438, HB 11, HB 377, HB 374,
1/25/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 438

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:32 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 438, Computers for legislators toward a paperless legislature.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:11 Rep. Gallik

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:40 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure State Endowment appropriations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:54 Jim Edgcomb, Manager, Treasure State Endowment Program,
Department of Commerce

[**EXHIBIT\(aph20a01\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(aph20a02\)**](#)

00:10:48 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources

[**EXHIBIT\(aph20a03\)**](#)

00:12:53 Annmarie Robinson, Bear Paw Development, Havre; Rocky
Boy North Central Water System

00:13:34 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:42 Rep. Sesso
00:15:07 Mr. Edgcomb
00:15:22 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce
00:17:26 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce
EXHIBIT (aph20a04)
00:19:09 Rep. Sinrud
00:19:50 Rep. Jayne
00:22:19 Rep. Kasten
00:22:59 Rep. Sesso
00:23:26 Rep. Kasten
00:23:39 Rep. Sinrud
00:24:42 Rep. Kasten
00:24:54 Rep. Sinrud
00:25:02 Ms. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:57 Rep. Kasten

HEARING ON HB 377

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:20 Rep. Harry Klock (R), HD83, opened the hearing on HB 377, Appropriation for Forest Service History Museum and Education Center.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:18 Tom Clifford, retired forest service; National Museum of Forest Service History

EXHIBIT (aph20a05)

00:31:27 Dave Stack, retired forest service; Vice President, National Museum of Forest Service History
00:33:22 Gary Brown, National Museum of Forest Service History
00:44:33 Samsara Chapman, Montana Discovery Foundation; fire lookout in Bob Marshall Wilderness

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:17 Rep. Morgan
00:49:11 Dave Stack

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:02 Rep. Klock

HEARING ON HB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:26 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 374, Fund construction of new local libraries.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:43 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg

01:00:05 Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association

EXHIBIT (aph20a06)

01:03:56 Kim Crowley, Director, Flathead County Library System

01:08:07 Jani McCall, City of Billings; Bill Cochran, Director, Billings Libraries

01:08:27 Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, chaired levy campaign in Lewis and Clark county

01:08:44 Debbie Benedict, Library Director, Meagher County Library, White Sulphur Springs

EXHIBIT (aph20a07)

01:09:10 Phyllis Tappe, Jefferson County Library Trustee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:09:37 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:58 Rep. Witte

01:10:25 Ms. Crowley

01:12:08 Rep. Morgan

01:13:36 Rep. French

01:15:33 Ms. Staffeldt

01:16:18 Rep. Beck

01:17:41 Ms. Crowley

01:17:54 Rep. Sesso

01:19:59 Ms. Staffeldt

01:21:44 Rep. Musgrove

01:22:31 Ms. Benedict

01:24:01 Rep. Jayne

01:26:37 Ms. Staffeldt

01:28:01 Rep. Jayne
01:28:14 Rep. French
01:29:53 Ms. Staffeldt
01:30:07 Ms. Fitzpatrick
01:30:46 Rep. McChesney
01:31:20 Ms. Benedict

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:19 Rep. French

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph20aad.pdf](#))