

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on February 1, 2007 at 3:50 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
Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

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 19, HB 388, HB 418, 1/29/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:56 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 19, Prohibit diversion of Morrill Act land revenue for administrative costs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:50 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Management Land Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:06:13 Cathy Bramer, on behalf of Linda McCullough, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Member of State Board of Land Commissioners
00:07:32 Cathy Conover, Associate Commissioner, Montana University System and also representing Montana State University

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:21 Rep. Morgan
00:10:24 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:42 Rep. McNutt

HEARING ON HB 418

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:06 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 418, Fund methamphetamine project.

EXHIBIT(aph22a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:08 Cathy Day, Public Policy Director, ACLU Montana

Informational Testimony:

00:18:05 Matthew Dale, Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of
Consumer Protection and Victim Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:31 Rep. Witte
00:19:04 Rep. Koopman
00:19:30 Rep. Franklin
00:19:40 Rep. Koopman
00:19:55 Rep. Beck
00:20:13 Rep. Koopman
00:21:34 Rep. Sinrud
00:21:57 Rep. Kasten
00:22:24 Rep. Koopman
00:23:04 Rep. Jayne
00:24:06 Mr. Dale
00:26:23 Rep. Sinrud
00:27:15 Rep. Koopman
00:27:42 Rep. Sinrud
00:29:13 Ms. Day
00:30:47 Rep. Hawk

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:35 Rep. Koopman

HEARING ON HB 388

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:33 Rep. Art Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB
388, Restoration of land and water resources.

[EXHIBIT \(aph22a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:01 Mike Wendland, Rudyard, Supervisor Elk County
Conservation District
00:42:23 Earl Griffith, registered professional geologist,
Tetra Tech Incorporated, Helena
00:45:33 J.D. Lynch, Montana State Building Trades
00:45:50 William H. Geer, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation
Project

[EXHIBIT \(aph22a03\)](#)

00:47:47 Mike Halligan, Washington Companies; former senator
00:48:46 Jason Miller, Montana AFL-CIO
00:49:51 Jane Holzer, Director, Montana Salinity Control

00:51:48 Dan Casey, Helena resident, Pacific Northwest Council
of Carpenters, Missoula

00:52:19 Jim McGarvey, Executive Secretary, Montana AFL-CIO

EXHIBIT (aph22a04)

00:54:13 James Burchfield, Associate Dean, Forestry and
Conservation, University of Montana

EXHIBIT (aph22a05)

00:56:41 Will Hammerquist, Policy Advisor, Lieutenant Governors'
Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:58:58 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation Resource
Division, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:31 Rep. Morgan

01:00:32 Rep. Noonan

01:01:18 Rep. Morgan

01:02:14 Ms. Smith

01:03:07 Rep. Taylor

01:04:15 Ms. Smith

01:04:51 Rep. Kasten

01:05:11 Mr. Beck

01:05:19 Rep. Kasten

01:05:42 Rep. Ripley

01:06:14 Rep. Noonan

01:06:32 Rep. Ripley

01:10:32 Mr. Hammerquist

01:11:05 Rep. Sesso

01:12:29 Mr. Hammerquist

01:13:04 Rep. Sesso

01:18:48 Richard Opper, Director, Department of Environmental
Quality (DEQ)

01:19:02 Rep. Witte

01:20:34 Mr. Opper

01:21:46 Rep. Sinrud

01:22:48 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:18 Rep. Noonan

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph22aad.pdf](#))