

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Janna Taylor, on February 5, 2007 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Janna Taylor, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Sen. Lane L. Larson, Vice Chairman (D)

Staff Present: Amy Sassano, OBPP
Brent Doig, OBPP
Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Greg DeWitt, 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:

Executive Action: Department of Revenue
Public Defender's Office

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Discussion:

00:00:00 Greg DeWitt
00:00:50 Rep Taylor
00:01:30 Mr. DeWitt
00:02:15 Sen. Laible
00:02:39 Mr. DeWitt
00:03:44 Rep. Sesso
00:04:09 Mr. DeWitt
00:04:58 Amy Sassano
00:05:34 Rep. Sinrud
00:06:07 Lisa Smith, Department of Revenue
00:06:55 Rep. Sinrud
00:07:03 Ms. Smith

00:07:37 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved Part 1 and Part 4 of **DP 0201**
BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

00:08:01 Rep. Sinrud
00:09:26 Mr. DeWitt
00:10:56 Ms. Sassano
00:12:29 Rep. Sinrud
00:12:59 Rep. Taylor

00:13:45 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso changed motion to
postpone Part 1 and consider just Part 4. Motion to
adopt Part 4 carried 5-3 with Rep. Sinrud, Sen. Laible
and Rep. Taylor voting no. Sen. Larson and Sen.
Stapleton voted aye by proxy.

00:15:45 Rep. Taylor
00:16:15 Mr. DeWitt

DP 7015 PROCESSING RETURNS & REFUNDS

00:16:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 7015 **BE ADOPTED**
as presented. Motion failed 3-4 with Rep. McChesney,
Sen. Williams, and Rep. Sesso voting aye. Rep. Sinrud
and Sen. Stapleton voted no by proxy.

Discussion:

00:18:02 Sen. Williams
00:18:38 Mr. DeWitt
00:19:01 Sen. Williams
00:19:22 Rep. Sinrud

DP 202 FREE ELECTRONIC FILING

Discussion:

00:20:29 Rep. Sesso
00:21:58 Mr. DeWitt
00:22:29 Rep. Taylor
00:22:47 Rep. Sesso
00:23:35 Mr. DeWitt
00:23:52 Rep. Taylor

00:24:09 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 202 **BE ADOPTED** OTO
for tools necessary, no FTE.

Discussion:

00:24:35 Rep. Sinrud
00:24:45 Mr. Sesso
00:24:50 Ms. Sassano
00:25:29 Rep. Sinrud
00:26:08 Rep. Taylor
00:26:16 Ms. Sassano
00:26:41 Rep. Sinrud
00:26:50 Ms. Sassano
00:27:13 Rep. Sesso withdrew his motion.
00:27:47 Rep. Sinrud

LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION

00:28:40 Mr. DeWitt

DP 301 LIQUOR SYSTEM REFORMS

Discussion:

00:29:45 Rep. Sesso
00:30:48 Ms. Sassano
00:31:21 Rep. Taylor

00:31:32 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 301 **BE ADOPTED** with
\$47,520 in first year and \$43,680 in second year for
one FTE associated with non-resident licensing issue.

Discussion:

00:32:10 Sen. Laible
00:32:20 Mr. DeWitt
00:32:41 Rep. McChesney

00:33:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Rep.
Sinrud and Rep. Taylor voting no. Rep. Larson voted
aye by proxy and Sen. Stapleton voted no by proxy.

00:34:54 Mr. DeWitt

00:35:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved language as presented. Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Sinrud and Rep. Taylor voting no. Rep. Larson voted aye by proxy and Sen. Stapleton voted no by proxy.

DP 7013 CITIZEN SERVICES

00:36:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that portions of DP 7013 **BE ADOPTED**, \$135,000 per year, \$75 for toll-free line, \$60,000 for printing. Motion carried 5-3 with Rep. Sinrud, Sen. Laible, and Rep. Taylor voting no.

00:38:42 Mr. DeWitt

DP 7014 LOCAL GOVERNMENT 40 MILL REIMBURSEMENT

00:39:54 Mr. DeWitt

00:40:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 7014 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-0 present and voting.

Discussion:

00:40:41 Sen. Laible

00:41:20 Mr. DeWitt

DP 7012 TAX GAP ANALYSIS

00:42:04 Rep. Taylor

DP 7019 COMPLIANCE - AUDIT & COLLECTIONS

00:45:01 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 7019 (23 FTE first year, 23 FTE second year) **BE ADOPTED**. Motion failed 3-4 present and voting by roll call vote with Rep. McChesney, Sen. Williams and Rep. Sesso voting aye. Sen. Stapleton voted no by proxy.

Discussion:

00:46:58 Rep. Sinrud

00:47:08 Rep. Sesso

DP 7020 FEDERAL ROYALTY AUDIT PROGRAM

00:48:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 7020 **BE ADOPTED** as presented. Motion carried 6-0 present and voting.

DP 7022 CHILD SUPPORT DEBIT COLLECTION COSTS

00:49:17 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 7022 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-0 present and voting.

Discussion:

00:49:40 Rep. Taylor
00:50:08 Mr. DeWitt
00:51:00 Rep. Sinrud
00:51:12 Ms. Sassano
00:53:58 Mr. DeWitt

COLLECTION SERVICES PROGRAM

00:54:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved rates as presented. Motion carried 6-0 present and voting.

DP 802 REAPPRAISAL - GIS STAFF

00:55:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved to fund 5 FTE working now OTO. Motion failed 3-4 with Rep. McChesney, Sen. Williams and Rep. Sesso voting aye. Sen. Stapleton voted no by proxy. Sen. Larson did not vote.

00:57:33 Mr. DeWitt

DP 8012 MAINTAIN PARCEL COUNT CASELOAD

00:58:57 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 8012 (1/3 of the request, 8 FTE in first year, 8 FTE in second year) **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 6-0 present and voting by roll call vote.

Discussion:

00:59:59 Mr. DeWitt
01:01:15 Rep. Sinrud
01:01:31 Rep. Sesso
01:02:29 Ms. Sassano
01:03:07 Rep. Sesso

DP 8021 PAD FIELD OFFICE RENT

01:04:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 8021 as presented.
Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Sinrud
and Rep. Taylor voting no. Sen. Larson voted aye by
proxy. Sen. Stapleton voted no by proxy.

01:05:22 Sen. Williams

01:06:13 Rep. Taylor

OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

01:07:01 Pat Gervais

EXHIBIT(jgh25a01)

Discussion:

01:08:23 Rep. Taylor

01:08:37 Ms. Gervais

01:09:18 Sen. Laible

01:09:35 Ms. Gervais

01:12:36 Rep. Sesso

01:12:54 Ms. Gervais

01:14:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep Sesso moved Part 1, to restore the
statewide present law adjustment to the budget request.
Motion failed 3-4 by voice vote, present and voting
with Rep. Sinrud, Sen. Laible, Sen. Stapleton and Rep.
Taylor voting no.

Discussion:

01:15:28 Rep. Sinrud

01:17:11 Rep. Sesso

01:17:39 Rep. Sinrud

01:18:01 Rep. Sesso

01:19:08 Brent Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning

01:19:38 Rep. Sinrud

01:20:49 Rep. Sesso

01:24:10 Rep. Sinrud

01:24:20 Ms. Gervais

01:25:06 Rep. Sinrud

01:25:15 Ms. Gervais

01:31:34 Mr. Doig

01:32:33 Sen. Stapleton

01:36:01 Rep. Sinrud

01:37:49 Rep. Sesso

01:41:09 Rep. Taylor

01:41:35 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Sinrud made a substitute motion that Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3 in the amount of \$14,337,954.80 for the year 2008 and \$14,911,473 for the year 2009 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 present and voting by roll all vote.

DP 104 FITNESS TO PROCEED

01:43:43 Rep. Taylor

01:44:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Williams moved DP 104 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 5-3 by voice vote with Rep. Taylor, Sen. Stapleton and Sen. Larson voting no.

DP 105 MISC. STATE SPECIAL REVENUE

01:44:50 Rep. Taylor

01:45:10 Ms. Gervais

01:45:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved that DP 105 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Rep. Sinrud voting no.

APPELLATE DEFENDER

Discussion:

01:46:26 Ms. Gervais

01:47:18 Rep. Sinrud

01:47:48 Ms. Gervais

01:48:08 Mr. Doig

01:48:21 Randy Hood, Appellate Defender Office

01:49:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved the approval of based budget and the statewide present law adjustments. Motion carried 6-0 present and voting by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:51:22 Mr. Sesso

01:51:31 Rep. Taylor

01:51:49 Mr. DeWitt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. JANNA TAYLOR, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jgh25aad.pdf](#))