

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By Vice Chairman Janna Taylor, on February 7, 2007 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (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. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)

**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 368, 2/2/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 368**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:08 Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 368, Fund televising of legislative proceedings.

[EXHIBIT\(aph27a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph27a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph27a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:37 Steven Maly, Project Manager, Television Montana (TVMT)

00:15:27 Jodie Foley, State Archivist, Montana Historical Society

[EXHIBIT\(aph27a04\)](#)

00:18:32 Phil Maxwell, Three Rivers' Telephone Cooperative

00:19:43 Sean O'Donnell, Regional Vice President and State Advisor, Bresnan Communications

00:21:41 Mike Murray, Chairman, Lewis and Clark County Commission; Yellowstone County; Montana Association of Counties

00:22:33 Linda Stoll, past President, Helena Civic Television

00:23:44 Mark Simonich, representing Secretary of State Brad Johnson

00:24:53 Jeff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association

00:28:21 Michael Strand, CEO and General Counsel, Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems

00:28:55 Pat Holbeck Harper, Associate State Director, AARP Montana

00:30:10 Rita Blouke, Vice President, Helena area League of Women Voters' of Montana

00:32:28 Rob Ferris, General Manager, Vision Net Incorporated

00:33:27 Glen Gormely, President, Montana Information Technology Alliance (MITA)

00:34:10 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:34:46 Barbara Ridgway, President, Helena Civic Television

00:36:28 Joe Lampson, on behalf of Linda McCullough, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:00 Rep. Witte  
00:40:57 Mr. O'Donnell  
00:42:25 Rep. Jayne  
00:46:29 Mr. O'Donnell  
00:47:17 Rep. Beck  
00:49:18 Rep. Himmelberger  
00:49:27 Rep. Kasten  
00:49:50 Mr. Maley  
00:50:18 Rep. Taylor  
00:52:52 Mr. Maley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:16 Rep. Himmelberger

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph27aad.pdf](#))**