

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on February 12, 2007 at 3:11 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 395, HB 475, HB 451, HB 394, HB 375, 2/8/2007
Executive Action: HB 13

HEARING ON HB 395

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:55 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 395, Fund dental school education.

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:26 Rep. Ed Butcher

00:14:28 Mary McCue, Executive Director, Dental Association

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a04\)](#)

00:24:07 Dr. Dan O'Neill, Dentist; President, Montana Dental Association, Butte

00:34:34 Dr. Roger Newman, Dentist, Columbia Falls

00:35:14 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

00:35:26 Sen. Frank Smith

00:35:43 Rep. Julie French

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:11 Rep. Musgrove

00:36:35 Rep. W. Jones

00:37:13 Rep. Witte

00:37:35 Rep. Beck

00:38:32 Rep. W. Jones

00:39:51 Rep. Sesso

00:40:22 Dr. O'Neill

00:42:00 Re. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:27 Rep. W. Jones

HEARING ON HB 475

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:51 Rep. Norma Bixby (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 475, Fund training opportunities at women's prison.

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:16 Moe Wosepka, Executive Director, Montana Catholic
Conference

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:52:21 Gail Lambert, Montana Correctional Enterprise
Administrator, Department of Corrections (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:13 Rep. Hawk
00:54:44 Ms. Lambert
00:55:21 Rep. Franklin
00:55:33 Ms. Lambert
00:55:55 Rep. Wells
00:56:23 Ms. Lambert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:58 Rep. Bixby
[EXHIBIT\(aph31a06\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(aph31a07\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 451

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:26 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB
451, Small town renewal program.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:33 Moe Wosepka, Executive Director, Montana Catholic
Conference

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:03:34 Dave Cole, Administrator, Community Development
Division, Department of Commerce

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:01 Rep. Morgan

01:04:36 Rep. French

01:05:08 Rep. Kasten

01:05:46 Rep. French

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:23 Rep. French

01:08:26 Break

01:10:00 Vice Chairman Janna Taylor assumes the chair

HEARING ON HB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:15 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on
HB 37, Weed control on state land.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:34 Kathy Bramer, representing Superintendent of
Public Instruction and Land Board member, Linda
McCullough

01:16:11 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:50 Rep. Ripley

01:18:08 Mr. Schultz

01:19:30 Rep. Kasten

01:20:07 Mr. Schultz

01:21:00 Rep. Sinrud resumes chair

01:21:15 Mr. Schultz

01:21:44 Rep. Sinrud

01:22:16 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:29 Rep. Reinhart

HEARING ON HB 394

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:26:18 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 394, Dental benefit for under insured children.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:52 Mary McCue

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:14 Rep. Morgan
01:34:55 Ms. McCue
01:35:47 Rep. Clark
01:36:50 Ms. McCue

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:00 Rep. W. Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 13

01:41:00 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved **HB 13 DO PASS**
01:41:25 **Motion:** Rep. Sesso moved to **AMEND HB 13** by changing the date of inception of the insurance.

EXHIBIT(aph31a08)

Discussion:

1:43:05 Rep. Taylor
1:44:10 Rep. Sesso
1:44:50 **Vote:** Amendment passed 19-0 by roll call vote.

1:47:07 **Motion:** Rep. Sinrud moved to **FURTHER AMEND HB 13** and reduce executive branch funding.

EXHIBIT(aph31a09)

1:49:09 Rep. Sesso
1:49:45 Rep. Sinrud
1:50:25 Rep. Hollenbaugh
1:50:45 Rep. Sinrud
1:51:29 Rep. Callahan
1:51:59 Rep. Sinrud
1:53:08 Rep. McChesney

1:54:40 Rep. Ripley
 1:54:57 Rep. McChesney
 1:56:12 Rep. Ripley
 1:56:20 Rep. Glaser
 1:58:15 Rep. Sinrud
 1:58:33 Rep. Franklin
 1:58:45 Rep. Musgrove
 1:59:22 Rep. Sinrud

2:00:45 **Vote:** Amendment passed 11-8 by roll call vote. Rep. Franklin, Rep. Jayne, Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hiner, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Sesso, and Rep. Musgrove voted no.

2:01:55 **Motion:** Rep. Sinrud moved to **FURTHER AMEND HB 13. EXHIBIT (aph31a10)**

Discussion:

02:02:07 Rep. Sinrud
 02:02:53 Rep. Sesso
 02:11:00 Rep. Sinrud
 02:15:08 Rep. Franklin
 02:15:18 Rep. McChesney
 02:18:16 Rep. Kasten
 02:18:20 Rep. Sinrud

02:18:56 **Vote:** Amendment passed 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Franklin, Rep. Jayne, Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hiner, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Sesso, and Rep. Musgrove voting no.

02:20:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glaser moved **HB 13 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion passed 13-6 with Rep. Franklin, Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hiner, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Hollenbaugh, and Rep. Musgrove voting no.

Note: There is no Standing Committee Report on HB 13 for this date. Please see further Executive Action on 2/13/07.

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (aph31a11) refers to HB 343

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:37 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph31aad.pdf](#))