

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on February 19, 2007 at 10 A.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 217, HB 364, HB 378, HB 561, HB 575, HB 608, HB 618, HB 634, HB 174, 2/15/07

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 364**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:15 Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 364, Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:12 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
00:05:24 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:05:51 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT (aph37a01)

00:06:56 Carol Olmstead, Department of Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:16 Rep. Morgan
00:08:01 Ms. Olmstead
00:08:21 Rep. Jayne
00:08:46 Rep. Malcolm
00:09:22 Rep. Kasten
00:11:42 Mr. Bodner
00:12:33 Rep. Sesso
00:13:02 Rep. Malcolm
00:13:41 Rep. Morgan
00:15:19 Rep. Malcolm
00:17:09 Rep. Ripley
00:17:22 Rep. Sinrud
00:17:26 Rep. Morgan
00:17:57 Ms. Olmstead
00:18:38 Rep. Sinrud
00:19:12 Ms. Olmstead
00:19:31 Rep. Sinrud
00:19:45 Ms. Olmstead
00:20:03 Rep. Sinrud
00:20:34 Ms. Olmstead
00:20:54 Rep. Taylor
00:21:10 Ms. Olmstead
00:21:29 Rep. Sinrud
00:22:18 Ms. Olmstead

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:37 Rep. Malcolm

HEARING ON HB 174

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:14 Rep. Carol Lambert (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 174, Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs.

[EXHIBIT \(aph37a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph37a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:54 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT \(aph37a04\)](#)

00:32:37 John Prinkki, Commissioner, Carbon County; President, MACo

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:29 Mike Farriter, Director, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:33 Rep. Jayne

00:43:40 Rep. Lambert

00:44:46 Rep. Ripley

00:45:16 Mr. Blattie

00:46:20 Rep. Callahan

00:49:13 Mr. Blattie

00:51:21 Rep. Beck

00:51:42 Mr. Blattie

00:52:40 Rep. Beck

00:52:55 Mr. Farriter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:32 Rep. Lambert

HEARING ON HB 634**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:23 Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 634, Increase bonding authority of facility finance authority.

EXHIBIT (aph37a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:41 Sen. John Brueggeman

00:59:43 Jon Marchi, Polson, Chair, Montana Facility Finance Authority Board; Chair, Big Sky Airlines; also representing Montana Ambassadors; Glacier Venture Fund

EXHIBIT (aph37a06)

01:03:45 Michelle Barstad, Executive Director, Montana Facility Finance Authority (MFFA)

EXHIBIT (aph37a07)

01:06:25 John Bartos, Hospital Administrator, Hamilton, Board Member MFFA

EXHIBIT (aph37a08)

01:09:06 Shane Roberts, CEO, St. Luke Community Health Network

01:10:41 Dave Cunningham, Director, CEO, Rimrock Foundation, Billings

EXHIBIT (aph37a09)

EXHIBIT (aph37a10)

01:13:08 Dick King, Missoula Area, Montana Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

01:15:27 John Solheim, President, CEO, St. Peters' Hospital

01:16:02 Mike Foster, St. Vincent Hospital, St. James Hospital, Holy Rosary Hospital (Sisters' of Charity Hospitals)

01:17:38 Mike Ruppert, CEO, Boyd Andrew Community Services

01:18:54 Kreg Jones, Managing Director, D. A. Davidson Company

01:20:09 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:20:30 Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Assn

01:20:42 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:08 Rep. Kasten

01:21:38 Ms. Barstad

01:22:18 Mr. Marchi

01:23:26 Mr. Jones

01:23:46 Rep. Morgan

01:25:10 Ms. Barstad
01:25:30 Rep. Morgan
01:27:44 Rep. Van Dyk
01:28:21 Rep. Sinrud
01:28:55 Rep. Van Dyk
01:29:03 Rep. Wells
01:31:32 Ms. Barstad
01:31:43 Rep. Sinrud
01:34:18 Ms. Barstad

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:27 Rep. Van Dyk

HEARING ON HB 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:35:11 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 217, Non-custodial parents apply values through foster parents.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:36:39 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child and Family Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:10 Rep. Lange

HEARING ON HB 378

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:37:23 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 378, Revise nursing home administration laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:38:20 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Healthcare Association
01:38:57 Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:39:17 Lisa Addington, Department of Labor and Industry, Board
of Nursing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:45 Rep. Sinrud
01:40:06 Mr. Ahrens
01:40:51 Rep. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:21 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 575

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:41:35 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB
575, Revise TANF laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:45:42 Rep. Windy Boy
01:46:07 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Economic
Liberation (WEEL)

EXHIBIT (aph37a11)

01:49:17 Terri Kendrick, Montana Women Vote
01:50:30 Amanda Arnold, Montana Human Rights' Network
01:51:42 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Montana Coalition Against Domestic
and Sexual Violence

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:52:33 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:42 Rep. Morgan
01:53:02 Mr. Hudson
01:55:57 Rep. Wells
01:57:29 Rep. Caferro
01:58:45 Rep. Wells
01:59:48 Mr. Hudson

02:00:23 Rep. Ripley

02:00:48 Rep. Caferro

EXHIBIT (aph37a12)

02:04:51 Rep. Kasten

02:07:33 Mr. Hudson

02:07:52 Rep. Sesso

02:10:28 Mr. Hudson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:46 Rep. Caferro

02:15:38 Break - Resume at 3PM

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph37aad.pdf](#))