

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Vice Chair Janna Taylor, on February 20, 2007
at 9 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. 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: Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 466, HB 462, HB 97, HB 283, HB
533, HB 727, 2/15/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 466

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:34 Rep. Rick Jore (C), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB
466, Revise criminal accountability.
00:06:10 Rep. Jayne assumed the chair

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:16 June Hermanson, self, Helena
00:07:38 Rep. Janna Taylor

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:20 Rep. Ripley
00:09:04 Rep. Jore
00:09:35 Rep. Callahan
00:13:58 Rep. Jore
00:16:32 Rep. Jore
00:17:25 Rep. Callahan
00:17:38 Rep. Taylor assumed the chair
00:18:04 Rep. Sesso
00:19:45 Rep. Hawk
00:20:31 Mr. Moe
00:22:08 Rep. Beck

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:14 Rep. Jore

HEARING ON HB 462

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:35 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB
462, Regulate constituent accounts.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:33 Elizabeth Andrews, Montana Common Cause

Informational Testimony:

00:27:15 Dennis Unsworth, Commissioner of Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:11 Rep. Jayne

00:31:13 Mr. Unsworth

00:32:36 Rep. Jayne

00:32:51 Rep. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:31 Rep. Sands

HEARING ON HB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:28 Rep. Debby Barrett (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 97, Revise procedure for review of administrative rules.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:25 Rep. Kasten

00:37:40 Rep. Barrett

00:38:10 Rep. Morgan

00:38:38 Rep. Barrett

00:38:55 Rep. Taylor

00:39:06 Rep. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:40 Rep. Barrett

00:40:15 Break

HEARING ON HB 283

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:44 Rep. Margaret Campbell (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 283, Increase amount for non-beneficiary students.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:16 Rep. Morgan
00:58:35 Rep. Campbell
00:58:52 Rep. Franklin
00:59:31 Rep. Campbell

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:42 Rep. Campbell

HEARING ON HB 533

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:35 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 533, Increase coal board funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:21 Willie Duffield, Executive Director, Montana Gas and Coal Board

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01:04:57 Gary Fjelsted, Rosebud County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:07:05 Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:01 Rep. Ankney

HEARING ON HB 727

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:07 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 727, Revise eligibility requirements for certain benefits.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:16:12 Lou Thompson, Chief, Mental Health Services Bureau

01:16:53 Cathy McGowan, Contracted Community Health Centers

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:23 Rep. Lange

01:20:22 Vice Chair Taylor announced that Rep. Sinrud was not available, and would present HB 547 this afternoon, 2/20/07, at 3PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:25 A.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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