

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman John Sinrud, on March 5, 2007 at  
9:02 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. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (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. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jon Moe, Clayton Schenck, Barb Smith, Pam  
Joehler, Lois Steinbeck, Marilyn Daumiller, and  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

**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 808, HB 805, 3/1/2007  
Executive Action: None

**Opening Remarks:**

00:00:55 Clayton Schenck, Overview of Agency Appropriations  
Bills Narrative Books

00:17:08 Rep. Sinrud

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph46a03\)](#)

00:17:33 Rep. Franklin

**HEARING ON HB 805**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:48 Rep. Rick Ripley (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB  
805, Biennial funding for certain natural resource  
agencies.

**Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), Page C-1**

00:19:30 Rep. Ripley

**Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Page C-26**

00:24:00 Rep. Ripley

00:29:30 Rep. Sinrud

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses on FWP and DEQ**

00:30:29 Rep. Franklin

00:32:51 Rep. Ripley

00:33:09 Rep. Sinrud

00:34:24 Rep. Ripley

00:35:08 Rep. Franklin

00:36:56 Rep. Ripley

00:37:52 Rep. Sinrud

00:38:01 Rep. Ripley

00:38:11 Rep. Sesso

00:40:44 Rep. Ripley

**Department of Livestock (DOL), Page C-46**

00:41:31 Rep. Ripley

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DOL**

00:43:29 Rep. Callahan

00:43:45 Rep. Ripley

00:44:11 Rep. Ripley

00:45:14 Rep. Musgrove

00:46:20 Rep. Ripley

**Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC),  
Page C-62**

00:47:14 Rep. Ripley

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DNRC**

00:49:18 Rep. Franklin

00:52:35 Rep. Ripley

**Department of Agriculture (DOA), Page C-85**

00:53:22 Rep. Ripley

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DOA**

00:54:57 Rep. Sinrud

00:55:01 Rep. Ripley

00:55:22 Rep. Musgrove

00:56:14 Rep. Ripley

00:56:21 Rep. Callahan

00:56:38 Rep. Ripley

00:57:46 Rep. Sesso

00:57:57 Rep. Ripley

00:58:52 Rep. Sinrud

00:58:59 Rep. Ripley

00:59:20 Rep. Franklin

01:00:26 Rep. Sinrud

01:00:38 Rep. Franklin

01:00:54 Rep. Ripley

01:02:01 Rep. Franklin

01:02:31 Rep. Ripley

01:03:19 Rep. Sinrud

01:04:20 Rep. Franklin

01:05:01 Rep. Ripley

01:05:29 Rep. Sesso

01:07:35 Rep. Ripley

01:08:46 Rep. Witte

01:10:15 Rep. Ripley

01:10:46 Rep. McChesney

01:11:21 Rep. Sinrud

01:11:36 Rep. Ripley

01:11:43 Rep. Sesso

01:13:40 Rep. Ripley

01:14:06 Rep. Sinrud

01:14:28 Rep. Ripley

01:14:38 Rep. McChesney  
01:15:31 Rep. Witte  
01:16:39 Rep. Musgrove  
01:17:47 Rep. Sinrud  
01:17:53 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Department  
01:18:31 Ms. Smith

**Department of Commerce (DOC), Page C-98**

01:18:51 Rep. Ripley

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses on DOC**

01:21:25 Rep. Franklin  
01:22:00 Rep. Ripley  
01:23:27 Rep. Musgrove  
01:23:40 Rep. Ripley  
01:23:52 Rep. Sesso  
01:25:56 Rep. Ripley  
01:27:21 Rep. Sinrud  
01:28:49 Rep. Callahan  
01:29:10 Rep. Ripley  
01:31:15 Rep. Sinrud  
01:31:22 Rep. Sesso  
01:32:45 Rep. Ripley  
01:33:04 Rep. Sesso  
01:33:31 Rep. Ripley  
01:34:52 Rep. Sinrud  
01:35:27 Rep. Franklin  
01:36:03 Rep. Sinrud  
01:36:13 Rep. Franklin  
01:36:31 Rep. Callahan  
01:37:08 Rep. Ripley  
01:37:31 Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Branch  
01:41:24 Rep. Ripley  
01:41:43 Rep. Franklin  
01:42:18 Rep. Morgan

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:42:54 Sen. Bill Tash  
01:44:36 Sen. John Cobb

**EXHIBIT (aph46a04)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:45:40 David Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office  
01:55:00 Richard Opper, Director, DEQ  
02:03:57 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

02:09:05 Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC  
 02:15:33 Nancy K. Peterson, Director, DOA  
 02:23:48 George Harris, Acting Executive Officer, Board of  
 Livestock  
 02:24:32 Tony Preite, Director, DOC  
 02:33:36 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation  
 02:36:54 Jim Davison, Montana Economic Developers' Association  
 02:41:58 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development  
 Corporation

**EXHIBIT (aph46a05)**

02:43:20 Dick King, President and CEO, Missoula Area Economic  
 Development Corporation

**EXHIBIT (aph46a06)**

**EXHIBIT (aph46a07)**

02:51:26 Jim Morton, Human Resource Council, Ravalli and  
 Missoula Counties  
 02:52:43 Mary McCue, Directors Association of Human Resource  
 Development Councils

**EXHIBIT (aph46a08)**

02:53:46 Vicki Marquis, Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation  
 Council

**EXHIBIT (aph46a09)**

02:57:29 Jill Lorang, Administrator, Cascade County Conservation  
 District  
 02:59:33 Nicole McClain, Coordinator, Yellowstone River  
 Conservation Council

**EXHIBIT (aph46a10)**

03:08:29 Alissa Mitchell, Executive Director, Human Resource  
 Council District 12

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:09:49 Rep. Wells  
 03:16:52 Mr. Opper  
 03:16:58 Rep. Wells  
 03:19:38 Ms. Sexton  
 03:21:13 Rep. Kasten  
 03:21:58 Ms. Sexton  
 03:23:16 Rep. Kasten  
 03:23:55 Mr. Opper  
 03:24:58 Rep. Kasten  
 03:28:19 Mr. Preite  
 03:29:16 Rep. Kasten  
 03:30:02 Ms. McClain  
 03:30:26 Ms. Sexton  
 03:31:43 Rep. Taylor

03:33:34 Ms. Peterson  
03:33:49 Rep. Taylor  
03:34:22 Mr. Ewer  
03:36:10 Rep. Sesso  
03:36:51 Rep. Ripley  
03:38:33 Pam Joehler, LFD  
03:38:40 Rep. Sesso  
03:39:07 Ms. Joehler  
03:39:50 Andy Poole, DOC  
03:40:32 Rep. Franklin  
03:42:28 Mr. Poole  
03:42:48 Rep. Wells  
03:51:34 Mr. Preite  
03:52:41 Mr. Ewer  
03:52:59 Rep. McChesney  
03:54:13 Mr. Oppen  
03:55:41 Rep. Franklin  
03:57:13 Mr. Ewer  
03:59:45 Rep. Franklin  
04:00:13 Mr. Ewer  
04:01:25 Rep. Sinrud  
04:02:15 Rep. Ripley  
04:02:50 Rep. Sinrud  
04:02:58 Rep. Ripley  
04:04:21 Mr. Ewer  
04:06:43 Rep. Franklin  
04:07:08 Rep. Taylor  
04:07:14 Rep. Franklin  
04:09:54 Mr. Oppen  
04:10:25 Rep. Witte  
04:12:20 Mr. Oppen  
04:13:22 Rep. Sinrud  
04:23:39 Mr. Oppen  
04:23:54 Rep. Sinrud  
04:26:30 Ms. Sexton  
04:27:43 Ms. Bachman, DNRC  
04:28:15 Rep. Sinrud  
04:28:54 Ms. Sexton  
04:29:55 Mr. Ewer  
04:30:43 Rep. Franklin  
04:34:23 Mr. Ewer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

04:35:15 Rep. Ripley  
  
04:37:41 Break  
05:18:38 Resume

**HEARING ON HB 808**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

05:18:47 Rep. Edith Clark (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 808, Biennial funding for DPHHS.

**EXHIBIT (aph46a11)**

**Department of Public Health and Human Services, Page B-1**

05:24:06 Rep. Clark

**Informational Testimony:**

05:31:27 Lucas Foust, Chairman, Board of Directors, Brain Injury Association of Montana; Resource Facilitation Services (RFS)

**EXHIBIT (aph46a12)**

05:34:36 Rep. Franklin

05:34:56 Rep. Sinrud

05:35:50 Rep. Franklin

05:36:40 Peter Wait, Helena citizen

**EXHIBIT (aph46a13)**

05:39:13 Natalia Marquis, Helena citizen

**EXHIBIT (aph46a14)**

05:42:36 Karen Sear, Helena, read testimony from Morgan Maynard

05:44:49 Mark Sander, Helena citizen

**EXHIBIT (aph46a15)**

05:46:23 Anita Roessmann, Resource Facilitation Service

**EXHIBIT (aph46a16)**

05:46:46 Sen. Don Hargrove, Montana Addiction Providers, Montana Meth Project

05:49:33 Mona Sumner, Chief Operations Officer, Rimrock Foundation, Billings

05:51:52 Linda Stoll, Montana's Area Agencies on Aging

**EXHIBIT (aph46a17)**

05:55:55 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association

**EXHIBIT (aph46a18)**

06:08:51 Deborah Hayes, District 11 Human Resource Council

06:09:33 Bill Woody, small businessman, Montana Health Solutions

06:10:44 Tracy Velzquez, Executive Director, Montana Mental Health Association

06:13:56 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

**EXHIBIT (aph46a19)**

06:19:55 Cathy McGowan, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

06:23:16 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner; MACo  
Health and Human Services Committee

06:25:08 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a20\)](#)

06:28:55 Jeffrey Tiberi, Intermountain Children's Home

06:29:48 Charlie Briggs, Montana Association of Disabilities

06:32:28 Mary McCue, Human Resource Development Council  
Director's Association

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a21\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a22\)](#)

06:35:41 Tom Peluso, Mental Health Local Advisory Council,  
Gallatin County

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a23\)](#)

06:40:39 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Services Initiative  
and Provider Information

06:42:30 Cris Volinkaty, DD Children's Services

06:44:46 Lora Wier, Montana Public Health Association

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a24\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

06:45:38 Sen. Cobb

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a25\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

06:57:02 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Director

07:03:31 Joan Miles, Director, DPHHS

07:20:13 June Hermanson, Program Director, Montana Youth  
Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a26\)](#)

07:26:41 Shyla Pettra, Independent Living Specialist

07:29:58 Michael Beers, Missoula citizen

07:35:49 Melodie Bowen, North Central Independent Living

07:37:16 Tom Osborne, Executive Director, North Central  
Independent Living Services, Great Falls

07:38:20 Terry Kendrick, Montana Women Vote

07:39:18 Linda Tracy, Executive Director, Montana Child Care  
Resource Network; Montana Advocates for Children

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a27\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a28\)](#)

07:44:47 Kerry Connor, Bozeman citizen

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a29\)](#)

07:46:15 Linda Reinhart, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a30\)](#)

07:48:48 Davey Haglund, Montana Advocates for Children; Montana  
Child Care Association

[EXHIBIT \(aph46a31\)](#)

07:50:27 Mary Bolink, Day Care Director, Montana State  
University, Bozeman

**EXHIBIT(aph46a32)**

07:51:58 Terry Quatraro, Child Care Provider, Bozeman; also read  
letter from Tawnia Eastman

**EXHIBIT(aph46a33)**

07:55:00 Break

08:52:30 Rep. Jayne and Rep. Hawk arrived

08:53:02 Resume

08:53:30 Claudia Clifford, Associate Director, AARP Montana

**EXHIBIT(aph46a34)**

09:00:15 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equity and Economic  
Liberation (WEEL)

**EXHIBIT(aph46a35)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:04:04 Rep. Morgan

09:08:40 Mr. Ewer

09:11:35 Rep. Morgan

09:11:49 Rep. Ewer

09:13:25 Rep. Morgan

09:13:37 Rep. Franklin

09:14:39 Rep. Morgan

09:14:44 Rep. Sinrud

09:16:18 Rep. Morgan

09:21:57 Ms. Miles

09:22:11 Rep. Musgrove

09:22:18 Rep. Sinrud

09:22:22 Rep. Morgan

09:22:30 Ms. Miles

09:23:30 Rep. Morgan

09:24:37 Ms. Dalton, DPHHS

09:25:10 Rep. Jayne

09:27:46 Rep. Clark

09:28:20 Ms. Steinbeck

09:29:23 Rep. Clark

09:29:32 Ms. Steinbeck

09:30:49 Rep. Jayne

09:31:03 Rep. Clark

09:31:20 Rep. Sesso

09:31:52 Rep. Clark

09:32:02 Ms. Daumiller

09:33:21 Rep. Sesso

09:36:08 Ms. Daumiller

09:36:23 Rep. Clark

09:36:40 Rep. Sinrud  
09:37:13 Rep. Clark  
09:37:40 Rep. Sinrud  
09:40:16 Hank Hudson, DPHHS  
09:40:33 Rep. Sesso  
09:41:08 Rep. Clark

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:42:06 Rep. Clark  
  
09:45:14 Rep. Sinrud  
09:46:08 Rep. Franklin

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:50 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph46aad.pdf](#))**