

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on March 12, 2007 at 9:05 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)
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. Jack Wells (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Rep. Craig Witte (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 473, HB 348, HB 329, HB 390, HB 315, HB 413, 3/8/2007

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 473

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:18 Rep. John (Jack) Ross (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on
HB 473, Eliminate water adjudication fee.

EXHIBIT (aph52a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:43 John Tubbs, Natural Resources and Conservation
00:07:06 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:08:44 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
00:09:38 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:46 Rep. Kasten
00:13:41 Mr. Murphy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:08 Rep. Ross

HEARING ON HB 348

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:13 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB
348, Increase out-of-state snowmobile fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:25 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobilers' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:17 Rep. Beck
00:20:41 Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:54 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 329

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:37 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 329, Increase penalties for partner or family member assault.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:42 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:25 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:11 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 390, Telephone account wagering on internet horseracing.

EXHIBIT (aph52a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:13 Ben Carlson, Yellowstone Horse Racing

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:27 Rep. McChesney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:09 Rep. Nooney

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:45 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 315, Property tax reduction for excess budget surplus.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:57 Rep. Sinrud
00:36:16 Rep. Koopman
00:36:46 Rep. Sinrud

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:51 Rep. Koopman

HEARING ON HB 413

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:33 Rep. Mike Milburn (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 413, License plate fee waiver for National Guard.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:43 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Officer Enlisted Associations; also speaking for Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:26 Rep. Wells
00:43:34 Rep. Milburn
00:43:54 Rep. Wells

00:44:33 Mr. Hagan
00:46:16 Rep. Ripley
00:46:38 Mr. Milburn
00:47:19 Rep. Beck
00:47:42 Rep. Milburn
00:47:55 Rep. Sinrud

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:07 Rep. Milburn

00:48:46 Rep. Sinrud announced that HB 461 will be heard upon adjournment of the House Session today.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10 A.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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