

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on March 16, 2007 at
8:02 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. 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: Rep. Edith Clark (R)

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 818, HB 819, HB 820, 3/13/2007
Executive Action: HB 818, HB 819, HB 820

HEARING ON HB 818

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:45 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 818, Appropriations for legislative branch.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:02:13 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Director

00:02:34 Susan Byorth Fox, Executive Director, Research and Policy Analysis, Legislative Branch

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:02:54 Rep. Taylor

HEARING ON HB 819

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:05 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 819, Appropriations for judicial branch.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:47 Karla Gray, Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court
[EXHIBIT \(aph56a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:50 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:18:17 Ms. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:26 Ms. Taylor

HEARING ON HB 820**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:00 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 820, Biennial funding for certain executive branch agencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:59 Mark Simonich, on behalf of Secretary of State, Brad Johnson

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:15 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Director

Informational Testimony:

00:23:43 Randi Hood, Public Defender

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:22 Rep. Kasten

00:27:15 Rep. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:28 Rep. Taylor

00:28:21 Recess until 8:40 AM

00:43:50 Resume

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 818

00:44:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Taylor moved **HB 818 DO PASS**. Motion carried 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. Rep. Clark voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 819

00:47:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Taylor moved **HB 819 DO PASS**. Motion carried 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. Rep. Clark voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 820

00:49:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Taylor moved **HB 820 DO PASS**. Motion carried 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. Rep. Clark voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:50 A.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph56aad.pdf](#))