

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Vice Chair Janna Taylor, on March 22, 2007 at 3:15 P.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. 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. 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)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Cathy Duncan, 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 6, HB 8, HB 9, HB 14, HB 830,
3/15/2007

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:00 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on
HB 6, Renewable resource grants.

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph61b01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:36 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation Resource
Development Division
00:02:26 John Tubbs, Water Resources Division, Department of
Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:02:51 Kathy Bessette, Commissioner, Hill County
00:03:10 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts
00:03:25 Gary Amestoy, Chester Irrigation Project

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:55 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph61b02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:24 Rep. Beck
00:06:00 Rep. Kasten
00:06:40 Rep. Taylor
00:06:46 Rep. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

00:07:08 Rep. Kasten

HEARING ON HB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:05 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on
HB 8, Renewable resource bonds and loans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:31 Ray Beck, DNRC
00:12:12 John Tubbs, Water Resources Division, DNRC

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:05 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT](#)(aph61b03)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:11 Rep. Jayne
00:16:46 Mr. Beck
00:20:18 Bob Fisher, Staff Civil Engineer, DNRC
00:20:33 Rep. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:02 Rep. Kasten
00:21:58 Rep. Taylor

HEARING ON HB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:09 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on
HB 9, Cultural and aesthetic grants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:13 Ellen Crane, Chairwoman, Montana Cultural Trusts
00:25:57 Terry Elander, International Public Relations
Coordinator, Missoula Children's Theater (MCT)
00:29:19 Christin Han-Burgoyne, speaking for Rob Freistadt
00:32:18 Arni Fishbaugh, Director, Montana Arts Council
00:36:44 Chuck Hunter, Montana Cultural Advocacy
00:39:14 Kathy Bramer, citizen, member of Board of Directors,
Helena Symphony and Chorale

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:41:56 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT](#)(aph61b04)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:11 Rep. Sesso

00:45:02 Carlene Lane, Accountant, Montana Arts Council
 00:45:18 Rep. Sesso
 00:46:43 Ms. Fishbaugh
 00:48:24 Rep. Taylor
 00:50:45 Ms. Lane

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:27 Rep. Kasten

HEARING ON HB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:29 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 14, Appropriation for information technology projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:58 Dick Clark, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services Division, State of Montana, Department of Administration

EXHIBIT (aph61b05)

01:06:41 Jessica LaRoche, Representative, Associated Students at Montana State University, Bozeman
 01:07:56 David Gibson, Montana President, Qwest Communications
 01:13:43 Allan Michaels, Chief of Police, Glendive
 01:15:23 Jim Cashell, Sheriff of Gallatin County; board member, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
 01:17:34 Greg Szdera, Sheriff of Hill County
 01:21:08 Kathy Bessette, Hill County Commissioner; member of Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 01:24:05 Mary Angela Collins, Administrator, Technology Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (aph61b06)

01:27:32 Leo Dutton, Sheriff, member, MSPOA
 01:29:33 Kevin Myhery, Chief of Police, Lewistown; member of State 911 Advisory Committee
 01:33:20 Michael Strand, CEO, General Counsel representing independent rural telephone companies across Montana
 01:34:20 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

EXHIBIT (aph61b07)

01:36:02 Hank Hudson, DPHHS
 01:36:34 Dave Thorsen, DPHHS, Child and Family Services Division
 01:37:33 Ray Ford, CIO, University of Montana

01:38:03 Glen Gormely, President, Montana Information Technology Alliance

01:38:52 Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court; Montana Magistrates Association

[EXHIBIT\(aph61b08\)](#)

01:40:12 Cory Swanson, Bresnan Communications

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:52 Geoff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications Association

[EXHIBIT\(aph61b09\)](#)

01:50:00 Rep. Sinrud assumed the chair

01:53:28 Phil Maxwell, 3 Rivers Communications

Informational Testimony:

01:57:00 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

[EXHIBIT\(aph61b10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61b11\)](#)

01:58:29 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

[EXHIBIT\(aph61b12\)](#)

02:03:12 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

02:07:02 Kristin Juliar, Vice Chair, Health Information Steering Committee; Interoperable Health Care Technology

[EXHIBIT\(aph61b13\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:45 Rep. Wells

02:10:59 Rep. Wiseman

02:12:06 Rep. Wells

02:12:24 Dick Clark

02:15:24 Rep. Wells

02:16:08 Mr. Feiss

02:16:46 Rep. Wells

02:18:37 Jeff Brandt, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Department of Administration

02:20:11 Rep. Beck

02:21:59 Mr. Brandt

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:45 Rep. Wiseman

HEARING ON HB 830

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:24:41 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 830, Appropriate money for construction & maintenance of public buildings and systems.

EXHIBIT (aph61b14)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:27:42 David Gibson, Montana President, QWEST Communications

02:28:21 Mike Mahoney, Department of Corrections

02:28:39 Kevin Olsen, Administrator, Montana Law Enforcement Academy

02:28:53 Deb Matussi, Liason

02:29:24 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

02:29:55 Mic Robinson, Montana University System

02:30:20 Ed Amberg, Director, State Hospital at Warm Springs

02:30:52 Sen. Jim Petersen, SD 13

EXHIBIT (aph61b15)

EXHIBIT (aph61b16)

02:34:25 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

02:34:49 Jim Kashell, Gallatin County Sheriff

02:35:09 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chambers of Commerce, Montana School for Deaf and Blind

02:35:58 Leo Dutton, Law Enforcement, Lewis and Clark County

02:36:52 Sen. Don Steinbeisser, SD 19

02:37:43 Mary Phippen, Montana Clerks of District Court, Montana Magistrates Association

EXHIBIT (aph61b17)

02:38:34 Kevin Myhre, City of Lewistown

02:38:43 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

02:39:23 Denver Henderson, Students of University of Montana

02:40:22 Cory Swanson, Bresnan Communications

Opponents' Testimony:

02:40:50 Phil Maxwell, 3 Rivers Communications

02:41:39 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association

02:44:23 Joyce DeCunzo, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division

Informational Testimony:

02:42:15 Tom O'Connell, Administrator, Architectural and Engineering Division

02:42:30 Dick Clark, State CIO

02:42:38 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:46:06 Rep. Musgrove

02:47:29 Rep. Kasten

02:48:18 Rep. Jayne

02:48:32 Rep. Sinrud

Closing by Sponsor:

02:49:01 Rep. Kasten

EXHIBIT (aph61b18)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:10 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph61bad.pdf](#))