

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Vice Chair Janna Taylor, on April 2, 2007 at
9 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. 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: None.

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 93, SB 33, SB 4, SB 8, SB 22, SB
25, SB 37, SB 42, SB 64, SB 65, SB
66, SB 68, SB 69, SB 75, SB 79, SB
104, 3/30/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:27 Sen. Gerald Pease (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 93, Revise and fund service area authorities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:10 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program
[EXHIBIT \(aph70a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:50 Rep. Ripley
00:04:21 Sen. Pease
00:05:03 Rep. Wells
00:05:22 Sen. Pease
00:08:45 Rep. Jayne
00:10:24 Ms. Roessmann
00:11:26 Rep. Beck
00:12:07 Ms. Roessmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:16 Sen. Pease

HEARING ON SB 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:28 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 33, Procedures governing social security numbers and computer security breaches.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:43 Steve Bender, Deputy Chief State Information Officer

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:59 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT \(aph70a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:06 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:25:48 Mr. Bender
00:26:03 Rep. Sesso
00:26:41 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:27:10 Rep. Sesso
00:28:45 Ms. Wood
00:29:32 Rep. Beck
00:31:50 Mr. Bender

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:18 Sen. Steinbeisser Rep. Milburn will carry.

HEARING ON SB 4

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:08 Sen. Dan Harrington (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 4, Procurement rebate regulation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:44 Marvin Eicholtz, General Services Division

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:42 Sen. Harrington

HEARING ON SB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:26 Sen. Jim Shockley (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 8, Independent staff for Board of Land Commissioners.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:42:02 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trusts and Lands Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:36 Rep. Jayne
00:43:39 Sen. Shockley
00:44:11 Mr. Schultz
00:44:50 Rep. Ripley
00:45:43 Sen. Shockley
00:47:39 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:49 Sen. Shockley

HEARING ON SB 22**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:48:25 Sen. Dan Weinberg (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 22, Allow expansion of CHIP eligibility up to 175% of federal poverty level.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:39 Mary Dalton, Health Resources Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:58:09 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health
00:59:20 Joy Brock, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
01:00:14 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
01:00:40 Clark Sowers, Student

EXHIBIT (aph70a03)

01:02:29 Olivia Riutta, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation (WEEL)

EXHIBIT (aph70a04)

01:04:25 Rep. Bill Jones
01:05:42 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic, Montana Providers Initiative Association
01:06:02 Don Judge, Teamsters' Local 190, Montana Nurses' Association (MNA)
01:07:03 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
01:07:36 John Flink, Montana Health Association (MHA)
01:08:15 Rev. Brady Vardemann, Montana Association of Churches
01:08:46 Jason Miller, Montana State AFL-CIO
01:09:17 Chuck Hunter, Montana Primary Care Association

01:09:30 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals
01:10:18 Sammie Butler, Intermountain Childrens' Home
01:10:46 Scott Martin, University students associations

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:29 Rep. Ripley
01:11:55 Sen. Weinberg
01:13:01 Rep. Beck
01:13:10 Sen. Weinberg
01:13:50 Rep. Taylor
01:14:19 Ms. Dalton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:12 Sen. Weinberg

HEARING ON SB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:17:48 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB
25, Revise contract timber harvest laws.

EXHIBIT (aph70a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:49 Kathy Bramer, for Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Linda McCulloch, a member of the Land Board
01:20:44 Tom Schultz, DNRC

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:10 Rep. Morgan
01:23:58 Ms. Bramer
01:24:35 Rep. Morgan
01:25:19 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:07 Sen. Larson

HEARING ON SB 37**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:27:57 Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 37, Revise deadline for submission of legislative budget.
01:29:15 Rep. Taylor
01:29:22 Mr. Moe

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:24 Rep. Jayne
01:31:11 Sen. Gebhardt
01:31:19 Mr. Moe
01:31:35 Rep. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:51 Sen. Gebhardt

HEARING ON SB 42**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:32:17 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 42, Revise economic development programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:32 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education
01:35:29 Rick Edwards, President, Montana Economic Developers' Association; President, Montana Ambassadors

EXHIBIT (aph70a06)

01:38:10 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics
01:38:42 Dick King, CEO and President, Missoula Economic Developers

EXHIBIT (aph70a07)

01:40:13 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

01:40:49 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunication Association

01:42:39 Deborah Hayden, Swift Current Ventures

EXHIBIT (aph70a08)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:13 Rep. Morgan
01:44:33 Rep. Ripley
01:44:51 Rep. Morgan
01:45:04 Rep. Ripley
01:45:12 Rep. Musgrove

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:47 Sen. John Brueggeman
[EXHIBIT \(aph70a09\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:46:29 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 64,
Increase membership in state group health insurance.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:49:40 Connie Welsh, Administrator,

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:58:36 Rep. Jayne
02:03:07 Sen. Cobb

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:38 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:05:47 Sen. John Cobb (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 65,
Restrict transfers to health and medicaid initiatives
account.

[EXHIBIT \(aph70a10\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:09:52 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:11 Sen. Cobb

HEARING ON SB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:11:34 Sen. Carolyn Squires (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 104, Extend statute of limitations for certain sex crimes.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:14:08 Tim Tatarka, Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:16:15 Rep. Jayne

02:16:44 Mr. Tatarka

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:01 Sen. Squires

HEARING ON SB 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:17:52 Sen. David Wanzanried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 66, Revise fiscal note laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:21:11 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:21:38 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 68, Clarify confidentiality terms in private equity investments using public funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:25:26 Carroll South, Director, Montana Board of Investments

02:30:19 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:31:44 Rep. Beck

02:32:39 Mr. South

02:33:09 Rep. Sesso

02:34:31 Mr. South

02:34:48 Rep. Jayne

02:36:16 Mr. South

02:37:00 Rep. Kasten

02:37:31 Mr. South

02:40:18 Rep. Sesso

02:40:36 Mr. South

02:41:47 Rep. Taylor

02:43:03 Mr. South

Closing by Sponsor:

02:44:19 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 69

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:46:07 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 69, Revise value-added loan program laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:48:40 Carroll South, Director, Montana Board of Investments
EXHIBIT(aph70a11)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:54:16 Rep. Kasten
02:55:59 Mr. South
02:56:27 Rep. Sesso
02:56:58 Mr. South
02:57:40 Rep. Beck
02:57:56 Mr. South

Closing by Sponsor:

02:58:25 Sen. Wanzenreid

HEARING ON SB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:59:43 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 75, Revise administrative costs for trust land management.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:02:57 Tom Schultz, DNRC
EXHIBIT(aph70a12)
03:07:45 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education
03:08:15 Kathy Bramer, on behalf of Linda McCulloch, Member of the Land Board
03:09:25 Sen. Rick Laible, SD 44

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:10:59 Rep. Sesso

03:11:49 Sen. Hawks

Closing by Sponsor:

03:12:13 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph70aad.pdf](#))