

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on April 20, 2007 at 8 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. 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. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch
Greg Petesch, Director, Legal Services

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: SB 281, SB 514, SB 565, SB 566;
4/19/07
Executive Action: SB 281, SB 514, SB 4

HEARING ON SB 281

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:00 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 281, Simplify income taxation for married couples filing individually.

EXHIBIT (aph84a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:27 Joe Shevlin, Montana Society of CPAs

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:04 Rep. Morgan
00:06:22 Sen. Balyeat
00:06:49 Rep. Beck
00:06:59 Mr. Shevlin
00:10:42 Rep. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:59 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 514

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:27 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 514, Revise individual income tax related to interest, penalty, & federal tax refunds.

EXHIBIT (aph84a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:02 Joe Shevlin, Montana Society of CPAs
00:23:24 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayer's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:40 Rep. Sesso
00:26:30 Sen. Balyeat
00:28:59 Rep. Beck
00:29:57 Sen. Balyeat
00:30:25 Mr. Shevlin

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:02 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 565

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:03 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 565, Clarify statutory authority for multiple appropriation bills.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:00 Rep. Taylor
00:37:33 Sen. Schmidt
00:38:56 Sen. Schmidt
00:39:12 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:39:44 Rep. Sesso
00:40:12 Ms. Purdy
00:40:31 Rep. Morgan
00:41:14 Sen. Schmidt
00:42:12 Ms. Purdy
00:42:48 Rep. Kasten
00:43:06 Ms. Purdy
00:43:21 Ms. Purdy
00:43:51 Rep. Taylor
00:44:27 Ms. Purdy
00:44:56 Rep. Sinrud
00:48:08 Greg Petesch, Director, Legal Services

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:54 Sen. Schmidt

HEARING ON SB 566

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:22 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 566, University system incentives and accountability measures.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:31 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education
00:58:58 Bruce Marks, Director, Montana Student Loan Program
01:00:25 Mark Bruner, Governor's Budget Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:50 Rep. Morgan
01:02:56 Ms. Sterns
01:03:41 Rep. Sesso
01:04:22 Ms. Sterns
01:04:48 Rep. Sesso
01:05:01 Sen. Hawks _____
01:06:14 Sen. Hawks
01:06:34 Rep. Wells
01:07:09 Sen. Hawks
01:07:28 Rep. Witte
01:08:18 Sen. Hawks
01:09:10 Ms. Sterns
01:10:14 Rep. Witte
01:10:34 Mr. Marks
01:11:06 Rep. Witte
01:11:39 Rep. Taylor
01:13:21 Ms. Sterns
01:14:02 Rep. Beck
01:14:22 Ms. Sterns

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:55 Sen. Hawks

Discussion:

01:17:11 Rep. Sinrud
01:17:52 Rep. Franklin
01:17:59 Rep. Sinrud

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 281

01:18:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wells moved **SB 281 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote, with Rep. Franklin, Rep. Callahan, and Rep. Hiner voting no. Rep. Hiner and Rep. Hawk voted by proxy. Rep. Lake will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 514

01:19:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Morgan moved **SB 514 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote, with Rep. Callahan and Rep. Hiner voting no. Rep. Hiner and Rep. Hawk voted by proxy. Rep. Lake will carry.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 4

01:21:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wells moved **TO RECONSIDER SB 4.** Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Hiner and Rep. Hawk voted by proxy.

01:22:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wells moved **SB 4 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Hiner and Rep. Hawk voted by proxy. Rep. Taylor will carry on the House floor.

Other Business:

01:23:12 Rep. Musgrove

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:25 A.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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