

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JON C. SESSO, on January 12, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

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 and Date Posted: HB 52, HB 64, HB 71, HB 123, 1/08/09
Executive Action: None

00:02:09 Chairman Sesso
00:02:18 Jon Moe
00:02:53 Chairman Sesso
00:06:02 Rep. Jones
00:07:15 Chairman Sesso
00:08:18 Rep. Jones
00:08:49 Chairman Sesso
00:08:58 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:22 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27 opened the hearing on
HB 64, Repeal termination on coal trust funding for
economic development programs.

00:10:39 Chairman Sesso
00:10:48 Rep. Jones
00:10:54 Chairman Sesso

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:37 Rep. Jones
00:11:52 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 123

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:58 REP. LLEW JONES (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on
HB 123, Extend coal trust funded economic development
programs--reduce statutory appropriations.

EXHIBIT(aph06a01)

00:13:26 Chairman Sesso
00:13:48 Rep. Jones
00:15:48 Chairman Sesso

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:52 Ron de Young, Director of Agriculture

EXHIBIT(aph06a02)

00:17:49 Chairman Sesso
00:17:56 Tony Preite, Director, MT Department of Commerce
00:18:38 Craig Young, Owner, Custom Recyclers
00:21:56 Chairman Sesso
00:22:02 Jim Davison, President, MT Economic Developers
Association

EXHIBIT(aph06a03)

00:24:47 Chairman Sesso
00:24:53 Brett Doney, President, Great Falls Development
00:28:28 Chairman Sesso
00:28:37 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development

EXHIBIT(aph06a04)

00:29:31 John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau
00:31:15 Larry Farrar, Resodyn Corporation
00:32:45 Terry Myhre, Executive Director, Montana Business
Assistance Connection
00:34:40 Rick Edwards, Economic Developers Association
00:35:52 Mike McGinley, President, MT Association of Counties
00:36:53 Kris Merkel, S2 Corporation
00:38:13 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association
00:39:53 Josh Keller, Coordinator, Northern Rocky Mountain
Resource Conservation and Development
00:41:44 Ron Cooper, AduR, Inc., Bozeman
00:43:29 Carl Kochman, Montana small businessman
00:45:42 Richard Brigess, Professor, University of Montana
00:46:59 Lisa Gryczan, Grow MT

00:46:46 Greg Gillispie, Fluorescence Innovations

EXHIBIT (aph06a05)

00:51:14 John Balsam, Montana Technology Innovation Partnership,
Small Business Innovation Research

EXHIBIT (aph06a06)

00:54:22 Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development
00:55:28 Neil Blossom, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
00:55:39 Chairman Sesso
00:56:13 Steve Holland, Director, Montana Manufacturing
Extension Center

EXHIBIT (aph06a07)

00:56:51 Neil Blossom

EXHIBIT (aph06a08)

00:58:43 Travis Right, Northern Rocky Mountain Resource
Conservation & Development
00:59:03 Chris Mehus, Director, Beartooth Resource Conservation
and Development
00:59:50 Chairman Sesso
00:59:57 Mr. Mehus
01:00:09 David Oien, Manager, Timeless Seeds, Inc.

EXHIBIT (aph06a09)

01:02:50 Chairman Sesso
01:02:55 Greg Smith, Executive Director, Two Rivers Authority
01:03:21 Jim Barngrover Alternative Energy Resources
Organization
01:03:41 Chairman Sesso

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:41 Rep. Roberts
01:05:03 Rep. Jones
01:05:47 Rep. Roberts
01:06:00 Rep. Jones
01:06:50 Chairman Sesso
01:06:55 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:07:47 Rep. Jones
01:08:27 Chairman Sesso
01:08:31 Rep. Kasten
01:09:15 Rep. Jones
01:10:31 Chairman Sesso
01:10:59 Mr. Davison
01:11:06 Chairman Sesso
01:11:13 Mr. Davison

01:11:53 Chairman Sesso
01:12:02 Mr. Davison
01:12:28 Chairman Sesso
01:12:35 Mr. Davison
01:12:45 Chairman Sesso
01:13:36 Rep. Getz
01:14:07 Rep. Jones
01:14:14 Rep. Getz
01:14:20 Rep. Jones
01:15:07 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:14 Rep. Jones
01:18:48 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:23 REP. WALTER MCNUTT (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on
HB 52, Fund hydrogeologic study.

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(aph06a10)

01:28:07 Chairman Sesso

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:57 Rep. McChesney
01:30:29 Chairman Sesso
01:30:35 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural
Irrigators
01:31:44 Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development Corporation
01:35:03 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Task Force

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(aph06a11)

01:36:57 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
01:37:31 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
01:37:56 Rhett Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:38:29 Glen Opal, Montana Realtors
01:39:06 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers Association
01:39:23 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
01:39:39 Chairman Sesso

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:40:08 John Metesh, Montana Bureau Mines & Geology
01:40:24 Chairman Sesso
01:40:34 Amy Bamber, Montana Department of Agriculture
01:40:50 Chairman Sesso

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:04 Rep. Hawk
01:41:37 Rep. McNutt
01:42:07 Mr. Metesh
01:43:02 Rep. Hawk
01:43:20 Mr. Metesh
01:43:26 Rep. Hawk
01:43:39 Mr. Metesh
01:43:58 Rep. Ankney
01:44:18 Chairman Sesso
01:44:47 Rep. Villa
01:45:08 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:49 Rep. McNutt
01:45:57 Chairman Sesso
01:46:02 Rep. McNutt
01:46:07 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:48:40 REP. DIANE SANDS (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on **HB 71**, Repeal sunset of hospital bed tax.

01:50:28 Chairman Sesso

Proponents' Testimony:

01:50:48 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
EXHIBIT(aph06a12)
01:59:17 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospital's Representative
02:01:32 Rep. Hiner
02:01:38 Amy Astin, Benefits Health System

EXHIBIT (aph06a13)

02:06:00 Amy Gramoniss, Billings Clinic
02:07:26 Brett Doney
02:08:04 Jack Casey, Administrator, Shodair Childrens Hospital
Helena
02:09:45 Rhonda Wiggers, Great Falls and Helena Chambers of
Commerce
02:11:05 Rep. Hiner
02:11:11 Bill Warden, St. Peters Hospital Helena
02:12:01 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association

EXHIBIT (aph06a14)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:56 Rep. Hollenbaugh
02:13:04 Rep. Sands
02:13:19 Rep. Hollenbaugh
02:13:27 Rep. Sands
02:13:31 Rep. Hiner
02:13:41 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
02:15:09 Rep. Hiner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:15:28 Rep. Sands
02:15:56 Rep. Hiner

ADJOURNMENT

02:16:08 Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

SAMUEL SPEERSCHNEIDER, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph06aad.pdf](#))