

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** CHAIRMAN JON C. SESSO, on January 13, 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 & Date Posted: HB 167, 1/8/2009; HB 112, 1/8/2009;  
HB 127, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: None

00:01:45 Rep. Hiner

**HEARING ON HB 167****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:56 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on  
HB 167, Funding for Travelers' Rest State Park.

00:12:23 Rep. Hiner

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:35 Rep. Hawk

00:13:13 Rep. Hiner

00:13:18 Rep. Nooney

00:13:39 Rep. Hiner

00:13:46 Loren Flynn, Executive Director, Traveler's Rest  
Preservation and Heritage Association (TRPHA)

**EXHIBIT (aph07a01)**

00:18:46 Dick Haines, City Council Member, Missoula

00:22:22 Rep. Henry

00:22:50 Rep. Hiner

00:23:03 Jay Robson, Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau

**EXHIBIT (aph07a02)**

00:24:27 Norman Jacobson, retired science teacher and Traveler's  
Rest Volunteer

00:28:45 Maria Berger, Program Coordinator, TRPHA

00:32:45 Stuart Crook, Board of Directors, Traveler's Rest

00:34:23 Kim Kaufman, Board of Directors, Traveler's Rest

00:35:45 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance

00:40:42 Hazel Pflueger, Volunteer, Traveler's Rest

**EXHIBIT (aph07a03)**

00:41:58 Chad Delong, Missoula Area Economic Development  
Corporation

00:42:47 Jack Pucket, Volunteer, Traveler's Rest

**EXHIBIT (aph07a04)**

00:44:17 Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs, Writer

00:46:51 Chairman Sesso

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:29 Rep. Morgan  
00:48:05 Mr. Flynn  
00:48:12 Rep. Morgan  
00:48:19 Mr. Flynn  
00:48:27 Chairman Sesso  
00:48:32 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:48:56 Mr. Flynn  
00:49:48 Chairman Sesso  
00:49:55 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:50:06 Mr. Flynn  
00:50:10 Rep. Kasten  
00:50:23 Chas VanGenderen, Administrator, Parks Division, Fish  
Wildlife & Parks  
00:51:47 Chairman Sesso  
00:52:13 Mr. VanGenderen  
00:53:08 Chairman Sesso  
00:53:46 Mr. VanGenderen  
00:55:27 Chairman Sesso  
00:55:32 Rep. Kasten  
00:55:56 Chairman Sesso  
00:56:01 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division  
00:56:19 Rep. Kasten  
00:56:27 Chairman Sesso  
00:56:56 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:57:23 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:50 Rep. Sands  
00:58:44 Chairman Sesso  
00:58:49 Rep. Sands

**HEARING ON HB 112****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:00:01 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on  
HB 112, Amend threshold for Legislative Finance review  
of budget change documents.

01:02:29 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:59 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:03:11 Ms. Purdy  
01:03:20 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:03:53 Ms. Purdy  
01:04:26 Vice Chairwoman Hiner  
01:04:30 Rep. Roberts  
01:04:49 Ms. Purdy  
01:05:21 Rep. Hiner  
01:05:25 Rep. Getz  
01:05:38 Ms. Purdy  
01:07:02 Rep. Getz  
01:07:11 Ms. Purdy  
01:07:22 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:40 Rep. Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 127**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:31 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on  
HB 127, Provide for proceeds from military sales.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:11:10 Brigadier General John Walsh, Adjutant General,  
Department of Military Affairs  
[EXHIBIT \(aph07a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:11 Rep. Roberts  
01:15:18 Rep. Sesso  
01:15:23 Rep. Roberts  
01:15:59 Rep. Sesso

01:16:46 Brigadier General Stanley Putnam, Department of  
Military Affairs  
01:19:35 Vice Chairwoman Hiner  
01:19:40 Rep. Hawk  
01:20:17 General Walsh  
01:20:49 Dan Hubber, State Facilities Manager, Department of  
Military Affairs  
01:21:08 Vice Chairwoman Hiner  
01:21:11 Rep. Hawk  
01:21:16 Mr. Hubber  
01:21:23 Rep. Hawk  
01:21:38 Mr. Hubber  
01:21:50 General Putnam  
01:22:57 Rep. Hawk  
01:23:11 General Putnam  
01:23:18 Rep. Hawk  
01:23:22 General Putnam  
01:23:27 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:34 Rep. Sesso  
01:24:37 Vice Chairwoman Hiner  
01:24:46 Rep. Sesso

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:26:57 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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SAMUEL SPEERSCHNEIDER, Secretary

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:**

Opposition letter to HB 167 from Director Ewer.

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph07aad.pdf](#))**