

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN BILL MCCHESENEY**, on January 20, 2009 at 8:15 A.M.,  
in Room 317-B Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Shawn Graham, OBPP  
Mitzi Grover, Committee Secretary  
Matt Stayner, Legislative Branch

**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:**

00:00:27 Chairman McChesney  
00:01:59 Clayton Schenck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
00:03:46 Susan Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Fiscal Div.  
00:04:17 Chairman McChesney  
00:04:36 Sen. Zinke  
00:04:55 Matt Stayner  
00:05:26 Sen. Zinke  
00:05:54 Mr. Graham

**Legislative Branch**

**Executive Action:**

00:06:33 Mr. Stayner

00:07:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved DP 001 Program Operations **BE ADOPTED.** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney, and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

00:08:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 002 Systems Analyst FTE and Contracted Service Reduction **BE ADOPTED.** Motion passed by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

00:08:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved DP 003 **BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

00:09:55 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved DP 005 Program Operations Committees & Activities Program **BE ADOPTED.** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:10:47 Rep. Sesso  
00:10:52 Mr. Stayner  
00:11:17 Rep. Sesso  
00:12:32 Ms. Fox

00:12:55 Rep. Sesso

00:14:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 006 Program Operations, Legislative Fiscal Division **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney, and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

00:15:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sesso moved DP 007 Program Operations, Audit & Examination Program **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney, and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:15:58 Mr. Stayner

00:16:18 Rep. Sesso

00:17:10 Mr. Stayner

00:17:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved to create a Decision Package to include \$300,000 for merit pay funding. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney, and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:18:35 Sen. Zinke

00:18:55 Mr. Stayner

00:19:07 Sen. Hansen

00:19:32 Rep. Sesso

00:22:10 Chairman McChesney

00:22:18 Rep. Sesso

00:24:21 Chairman McChesney

00:24:27 **Motion:** Chairman McChesney moved the Decision Packet which would be created for merit pay funding **BE ADOPTED**. He then **WITHDREW** motion.

**Discussion:**

00:25:00 Sen. Zinke

00:26:48 Chairman McChesney

00:30:43 Sen. Zinke

00:31:52 Chairman McChesney

00:32:09 Rep. Sesso

00:38:08 Mr. Graham

00:38:33 Chairman McChesney

00:40:33 Rep. Sesso

00:40:44 Chairman McChesney

00:41:29 Mr. Schenk

00:42:19 Rep. Sesso

00:42:26 Mr. Schenk

00:42:31 Rep. Sesso

00:44:35 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved the Decision Packet on merit pay funding **BE TABLED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. Nooney, and Rep. McNutt voted aye by proxy.

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00:45:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved to create a committee bill authorizing \$70,000 general fund transfer to the Retirement Reserve Account one time only **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. McNutt, Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:47:03 Ms. Fox

00:47:15 Rep. Sesso

00:47:35 Ms. Fox

00:47:49 Rep. Sesso

00:48:20 Mr. Schenk

00:50:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved to add a new section to the committee bill to create \$1.8 million One Time Only general fund transfer to Reserve Funds for Obsolete System **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Laible, Rep. McNutt, and Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

00:53:09 Mr. Stayner

00:54:26 Chairman McChesney

00:54:33 Hank Trenk

00:56:34 Rep. Sesso

**ADJOURNMENT:**

00:56:40 Adjournment 9:20 a. m.

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jgh13aad.pdf](#))**