

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 3, 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 27, 1/28/2009; HB 60, 1/28/2009;
HB 135, 1/28/2009; HB 384,
1/28/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:53 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Rep. Brady Wiseman (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on
HB 27, Revise universal system benefit laws.

EXHIBIT (aph25a01)

00:10:23 Chairman Sesso

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:24 Rep. McNutt

00:12:41 Chairman Sesso

00:13:03 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:14:00 Chairman Sesso

00:14:16 Mr. Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:41 Rep. Wiseman

00:15:08 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives

00:15:38 Rep. Wiseman

HEARING ON HB 135

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:09 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on
HB 135, Revise laws implementing the Fort Belknap-
Montana Water Rights Compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:24 Susan Cottingham, Staff Director, Reserved Water Rights
Compact Commission

00:24:48 Andrew Huff, Attorney, Governor's Office

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:37 Rep. Kasten
00:26:07 Rep. Belcourt
00:26:30 Rep. Kasten
00:26:51 Rep. Belcourt
00:27:01 Ms. Cottingham
00:27:43 Rep. Kasten
00:28:00 Ms. Cottingham
00:28:35 Rep. Getz
00:28:56 Ms. Cottingham
00:29:42 Rep. Getz
00:29:45 Ms. Cottingham
00:30:15 Rep. Roberts
00:30:19 Ms. Cottingham
00:30:44 Rep. McNutt
00:30:58 Rep. Belcourt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:16 Rep. Belcourt

HEARING ON HB 60

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:00 Rep. Bob Ebinger (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on
HB 60, Jail mental health crisis network standards
pilot program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:02 Collete Grey, Great Falls
00:37:37 Kathy McGowen, Community Mental Health Center
00:40:07 Anita Rossman, Disability Rights Montana
00:43:19 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on
Mental Illness, Montana
00:45:47 Scott Crichton, Executive Director, American Civil
Liberties Union, Montana
00:48:27 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of
Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:50:47 Lou Thompson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental
Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and
Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:14 Rep. Hawk
00:51:52 Rep. Ebinger
00:52:25 Rep. Hawk
00:52:31 Rep. Ebinger
00:52:43 Rep. Nooney
00:53:34 Rep. Ebinger
00:54:32 Rep. Nooney
00:54:42 Rep. Ebinger
00:54:45 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:55:31 Ms. Thompson
00:55:50 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:57:49 Ms. Thompson
00:58:29 Chairman Sesso
00:59:44 Ms. Thompson
01:01:09 Chairman Sesso
01:01:23 Rep. Henry
01:01:58 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:43 Rep. Ebinger

HEARING ON HB 384

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:11 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on
HB 384, Revise volume cap bond procurement laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:11 Mick Robinson, Montana University System
01:08:23 Jim Stipcich, CEO, Montana Higher Education Student
Assistance Corporation

EXHIBIT (aph25a02)

01:13:23 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and
Program Planning

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:35 Rep. Roberts
01:20:53 Mr. Stipcich
01:21:43 Rep. Roberts
01:21:47 Mr. Stipcich
01:22:05 Rep. Roberts
01:23:11 Mr. Stipcich
01:23:30 Rep. Roberts
01:23:36 Mr. Stipcich
01:24:00 Rep. Roberts
01:24:13 Mr. Stipcich
01:24:22 Rep. Kasten
01:24:56 Rep. Villa
01:25:14 Chairman Sesso
01:25:34 Rep. Villa
01:26:04 Rep. Nooney
01:26:16 Mr. Moe

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:44 Rep. Villa

ADJOURNMENT

01:27:12 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph25aad.pdf](#))