

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 4, 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. 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:** Rep. Llew Jones (R)

**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 143, 1/30/2009; HB 152,  
1/30/2009; HB 259, 1/30/2009;  
1/30/2009; SB 117, 1/30/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:09 Roll Call

00:01:22 Chairman Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 152**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:53 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on  
HB 152, Quality schools facility grant program.

**EXHIBIT (aph26a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:20 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and  
Program Planning

00:15:56 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce

00:22:16 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association

00:25:39 Dave Puyer, Montana Rural Education Association

00:28:30 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association-Montana  
Federation of Teachers

00:31:50 Darrel Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators  
of Montana

00:33:43 Joan Anderson, Office of Public Instruction

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:45 Joe Triem, Architecture and Engineering Division,  
Department of Administration

00:35:13 Nancy Hall, Budget Office

00:35:26 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Division, Department  
of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:36:05 Chairman Sesso

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:41 Rep. Morgan

00:37:02 Ms. Hall

00:37:52 Marty Tuttle, Department of Commerce

00:38:01 Rep. Morgan

00:38:23 Mr. Tuttle

00:39:34 Rep. Morgan  
00:39:59 Mr. Tuttle  
00:41:06 Rep. Kasten  
00:41:39 Mr. Schultz  
00:44:25 Rep. Kasten  
00:44:30 Mr. Schultz  
00:44:57 Rep. Villa  
00:45:43 Rep. Hamilton  
00:46:06 Ms. Hall  
00:46:23 Rep. Villa  
00:46:37 Ms. Hall  
00:46:50 Rep. Villa  
00:46:59 Ms. Hall  
00:47:22 Rep. Roberts  
00:47:48 Mr. Triem  
00:48:20 Rep. Roberts  
00:48:29 Mr. Triem  
00:49:17 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:49:57 Rep. Hamilton  
00:50:06 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:50:51 Ms. Hall  
00:51:48 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:52:00 Ms. Hall  
00:52:36 Rep. Kasten  
00:53:15 Rep. Villa

**EXHIBIT (aph26a02)**

00:54:05 Ms. Hall  
00:54:42 Rep. Nooney  
00:55:43 Rep. Hamilton  
00:55:47 Rep. Nooney  
00:55:59 Rep. Hamilton  
00:56:29 Rep. Nooney  
00:56:45 Chairman Sesso  
00:57:17 Mr. Ewer  
01:01:32 Chairman Sesso  
01:01:43 Mr. Ewer  
01:02:03 Chairman Sesso  
01:02:28 Roger Lloyd, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
01:06:52 Rep. Nooney  
01:07:04 Mr. Lloyd  
01:07:20 Jim Standaert, LFD  
01:07:46 Chairman Sesso  
01:08:10 Rep. Glaser  
01:08:29 Chairman Sesso  
01:09:26 Rep. Hamilton  
01:10:06 Chairman Sesso  
01:10:34 Mr. Tuttle  
01:11:33 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:11:54 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 259**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:13:42 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on  
HB 259, Income tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:17:49 Mike McGinley, Volunteer Firefighter, Dillon  
01:19:15 Mike Dotl, President, Montana Volunteer Firefighters  
Association  
01:20:33 Larry Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance  
01:22:18 Rep. Kasten

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:24:25 Rep. Henry  
01:25:40 Rep. Mendenhall  
01:25:59 Rep. Mehlhoff

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:28:55 Rep. Mendenhall

**HEARING ON HB 143**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:38 Rep. Dave McAlpin (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on  
HB 143, Nonprofit corporation registry.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:33:28 Ali Bovington, Office of Attorney General  
[EXHIBIT\(aph26a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:36:03 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:36:48 Rep. McAlpin  
01:37:51 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:40:04 Rep. McAlpin  
01:40:14 Chairman Sesso  
01:41:38 Rep. McAlpin  
01:41:46 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:42:20 Rep. McAlpin

**HEARING ON SB 117**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:42:41 Sen. David Wanzienried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 117, Revise or eliminate certain statutory appropriations.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:45:43 Roger Lloyd, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:46:05 Sen. Wanzienried

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:48:47 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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**Additional Exhibit:**

Letter from Governor's Office

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph26aad.pdf](#))**