

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 6, 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 86, 2/2/2009; HB 258, 2/2/2009
Executive Action: None

00:00:20 Rep. Sesso
00:01:29 Rep. Villa
00:01:43 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:13 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on
HB 86, Fund health information technology and record
sharing.

EXHIBIT(aph28a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:41 William Reiter, Health Share Montana
00:18:46 Chairman Sesso
00:19:00 Kristen Juliar, Chairwomen, Board of Directors, Health
Share Montana
00:19:51 Mike Foster, Catholic Memorial Hospitals
00:20:18 Dwight Hiesterman, Health Share Montana
00:20:42 Chelsea Fagen, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:21:07 Mark Burzynski, Blue Cross Blue Shield
00:21:58 Jon Morrison, self
00:24:38 Betty Beverly, Executive Director, Montana Senior
Citizens Association
00:25:50 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child
Health
00:26:08 Jon Mudd, Executive Council, State Auditor's Office
00:26:24 Beth Sirr, self
00:27:50 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association
00:28:55 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:30:01 Gail Briesse-Zimmer, Department of Public Health and
Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:38 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:31:35 Mr. Reiter
00:31:47 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:32:11 Mr. Reiter
00:32:48 Rep. Henry
00:33:40 Chairman Sesso
00:34:17 Ms. Briesse-Zimmer
00:34:28 Rep. Henry
00:35:10 Chairman Sesso
00:35:33 Rep. Morgan
00:35:54 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:36:20 Rep. Morgan
00:36:31 Chairman Sesso
00:36:41 Mr. Foster
00:37:33 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:37:42 Mr. Reiter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:12 Rep. Sands

HEARING ON HB 258

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:46 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on
HB 258, Funding for insure Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:11 Monica Lindeen, State Auditor
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a03\)](#)
00:52:24 Rep. Julie French, HB 36, Scobey
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a04\)](#)
00:55:30 Evette Worman, Small Business Owner
00:57:14 Betty Beverly, Board Member, Insure Montana
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a05\)](#)
01:00:20 Glen Middlestead, Small Business Owner
01:02:22 Mark Burzynski, Blue Cross Blue Shield
01:05:25 Bill Roberts, Volunteer Lobbyist, AARP
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a06\)](#)
01:08:18 Vanessa Clark, Chamber of Commerce, Great Falls
01:09:40 Jon Morrison, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:07 Beth Sirr, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:18:59 Rep. Morgan
01:19:50 Rep. McChesney
01:20:31 Rep. Morgan
01:21:15 Auditor Lindeen
01:23:52 Rep. Morgan
01:24:04 Auditor Lindeen
01:25:15 Rep. Getz
01:25:42 Auditor Lindeen
01:27:43 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:39 Rep. McChesney

ADJOURNMENT

01:32:59 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph28aad.pdf](#))