

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 10, 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 185, 2/6/2009; HB 294, 2/6/2009;  
HB 334, 2/6/2009; SB 18, 2/6/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:03 Chairman Sesso

**HEARING ON SB 18**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:04 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on  
SB 18, Revise fiscal note laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:28 Rep. Hollandsworth

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:59 Sen. Wanzenried

**HEARING ON HB 334**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:05 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on  
HB 334, Funding for sawfly research.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:43 Rep. Bob Bergren  
00:13:19 Kurt Kammerzell, Entomologist  
00:21:20 Lance Juedeman, Sawfly Foundation  
00:25:23 Todd Hansen, Sawfly Foundation  
00:26:29 Eric Somerfeld, Sawfly Foundation  
00:29:29 Chris Christiaens, Agriculture Coalition

**EXHIBIT(aph31a01)**

00:31:46 Jeff Mattson, Sawfly Foundation  
00:34:17 Mark Peterson, Farmer

00:36:02 Sandra Broesder, Commissioner, Pondera County  
00:37:52 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:39:45 Martin Molinario, self  
00:42:05 Maureen Davey, Stillwater County  
00:42:47 Kathey Bessette, Commissioner, Hill County  
00:45:10 Larry Hendrickson, Liberty County  
00:45:24 Pat Dailey, Sawfly Foundation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:02 Rep. Henry  
00:47:25 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:48:05 Rep. Henry  
00:48:38 Rep. Belcourt  
00:49:42 Rep. Henry  
00:50:18 Rep. Belcourt

**EXHIBIT (aph31a02)**

00:50:41 Rep. Roberts  
00:50:53 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:51:11 Rep. Roberts  
00:51:17 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:51:39 Rep. Roberts  
00:51:48 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:52:26 Rep. Roberts  
00:52:36 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:53:01 Rep. Morgan  
00:53:12 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:53:27 Rep. Morgan  
00:53:41 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:54:11 Rep. Morgan  
00:54:19 Mr. Somerfeld  
00:55:04 Rep. Morgan  
00:55:15 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:55:49 Rep. Ankney  
00:56:06 Mr. Kammerzell  
00:56:25 Rep. Nooney  
00:56:50 Rep. Belcourt  
00:57:39 Rep. Kasten  
00:59:17 Mr. Kammerzell  
01:00:32 Rep. Hawk  
01:01:11 Rep. Belcourt  
01:01:45 Rep. Hawk  
01:02:04 Rep. Belcourt  
01:02:19 Rep. Hawk  
01:02:34 Rep. Belcourt

01:02:45 Mr. Kammerzell  
01:03:00 Rep. Hawk  
01:03:19 Rep. Kasten  
01:03:44 Chairman Sesso

[EXHIBIT](#)(aph31a03)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:17 Rep. Belcourt

01:06:22 Recess

01:19:01 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 294**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:19:08 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on  
HB 294, Revise natural gas laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:21:18 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service  
Commission

01:27:13 Jon Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:54 Rep. Roberts

01:30:19 Commissioner Jergeson

01:30:34 Rep. Getz

01:31:10 Mr. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:32:15 Rep. MacLaren

**HEARING ON HB 185**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:32:56 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on  
HB 185, Allow tax deduction for other states college  
saving plans.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:34:56 Stuart Doggett, College Savings Bank

**EXHIBIT (aph31a04)**

01:38:49 Alan Peura, Deputy Director, Montana Department of  
Revenue

01:45:12 Mike Green, College Savings Bank

**Informational Testimony:**

01:49:12 Robin Graham, Office of the Commissioner of Higher  
Education

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:49:47 Rep. Villa

01:50:38 Mr. Peura

01:51:16 Rep. Villa

01:51:24 Mr. Peura

01:51:48 Rep. Villa

01:52:27 Mr. Peura

01:53:05 Rep. Villa

01:54:01 Mr. Peura

01:54:18 Rep. Villa

01:54:39 Ms. Graham

01:55:03 Rep. Kasten

01:55:52 Ms. Graham

01:56:10 Rep. Kasten

01:56:29 Ms. Graham

01:56:57 Rep. Kasten

01:57:19 Ms. Graham

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:57:54 Rep. Nooney

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:05:07 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph31aad.pdf](#))**