

**MINUTES**

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

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Galen Hollenbaugh, on February 10, 2009  
at 9:10 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** James Chamberlain, OBPP  
Shawn Graham, OBPP  
Tyrrell Hibbard, Committee Secretary  
Barbara Smith, 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:**

Business Summary: Operations Account funding  
adjustments; Discussion on  
Brucellosis Action Plan

Executive Action: DP 4015: DEQ-DNRC Reliance  
Refinery BIEN/OTO/Restricted

**Funding Adjustments for Operations Account:**  
**Water Adjudication Account and Resource Indemnity Trust**

00:00:27 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:00:50 Ms. Smith, LFD  
**EXHIBIT (jnh31a01)**  
00:02:32 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:02:36 Amy Sassano, Governor's Budget Office (OBPP)  
00:03:59 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:04:05 Rep. Jones  
00:04:29 Ms. Sassano  
00:05:43 Rep. Jones  
00:06:07 Ms. Sassano  
00:06:31 Sen. Ripley  
00:06:51 Sen. Brenden  
00:07:10 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:07:19 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources  
and Conservation (DNRC)  
00:08:02 Sen. Brenden  
00:08:51 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:09:15 Ms. Sassano  
00:10:00 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:10:28 Rep. Jones  
00:11:33 Sen. Tropila  
00:11:44 Ms. Smith  
00:12:14 Rep. Jones  
00:12:18 Ms. Smith  
00:13:56 Sen. Ripley  
00:14:32 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:14:37 Rep. Jones  
00:15:14 Sen. Brenden  
00:15:37 Ms. Smith  
00:15:54 Rep. Jones  
00:16:18 Sen. Ripley  
00:16:21 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:16:50 Ms. Smith  
00:17:38 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:17:42 Ms. Sassano  
00:19:07 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:19:16 Ms. Sassano  
00:19:54 Sen. Ripley  
00:20:42 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:20:49 Ms. Smith  
00:21:07 Rep. Jones  
00:21:24 Sen. Ripley  
00:22:00 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
00:22:40 Sen. Tropila

00:22:53 Ms. Smith

**EXHIBIT (jnh31a02)**

00:23:28 Sen. Tropila

00:23:54 Ms. Smith

00:25:31 Sen. Tropila

00:26:19 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **DP 4015 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

00:26:31 Rep. Jones

00:27:18 Sen. Ripley

00:27:37 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:27:40 Sen. Tropila

00:28:08 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:28:22 Sen. Tropila

00:28:38 Ms. Sexton

00:28:56 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:29:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Sen. Brenden and Sen. Ripley voting no.

00:29:33 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:29:50 Committee break

01:19:48 Committee reconvenes. Rep. Jones absent. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) present by conference call.

**Brucellosis Action Plan Discussion with APHIS and Montana  
Departments of Livestock and Fish, Wildlife, & Parks**

01:19:52 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:20:29 Sen. Ripley

01:20:36 Sen. Tropila

01:20:49 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:21:07 Sen. Brenden

01:21:13 Rep. Ankney

01:21:23 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:21:34 Ms. Smith

01:22:44 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:23:08 Dr. Brian McCluskey, Regional Director, Veterinary Services, APHIS, by conference call

**EXHIBIT (jnh31a03)**

01:24:39 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:24:54 Dr. McCluskey

01:26:13 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:26:23 Dr. McCluskey

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01:34:35 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
01:34:42 Sen. Ripley  
01:35:10 Dr. McCluskey  
01:35:14 Dr. Jerry Diemer, Associate Regional Director,  
Veterinary Services, APHIS, by conference call  
01:36:53 Sen. Ripley  
01:37:13 Dr. Diemer  
01:38:10 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
01:38:29 Christian MacKay, Executive Officer, Montana Department  
of Livestock  
01:38:53 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
01:38:55 Sen. Brenden  
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01:42:28 Dr. Diemer  
01:44:15 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
01:44:24 Sen. Tropila  
01:44:53 Mr. MacKay  
01:46:09 Dr. Diemer  
01:46:20 Sen. Tropila  
01:47:16 Joe Maurier, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and  
Parks  
01:47:56 Sen. Ripley  
01:48:07 Mr. Maurier  
01:48:24 Rep. Ankney left hearing.  
01:48:49 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:49:25 Rep. Ankney returned.  
01:49:26 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
01:49:31 Marty Zaluski, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Montana  
Department of Livestock  
01:50:12 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:50:34 Dr. Diemer  
01:50:42 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
01:50:46 Dr. Diemer  
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01:52:25 Sen. Brenden

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02:22:03 Committee reconvenes. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Tropila, and  
Rep. Ankney are absent.  
  
02:22:06 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
02:22:49 Sen. Ripley  
02:23:07 Chairman Hollenbaugh  
02:24:03 Ms. Smith  
**EXHIBIT (jnh31a04)**  
02:24:24 Chairman Hollenbaugh

**Public Comment:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:25:00 Adjournment: 11:34 A.M.

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Tyrrell Hibbard, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jnh31aad.pdf](#))**