

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman Bill McChesney, on February 11, 2009 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Shawn Graham, OBPP
Mitzi Grover, Committee Secretary
Matt Stayner, 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:

Subject Addressed: Consumer Counsel

Executive Action: DP 1, Consumer Counsel

00:00:06 Chairman McChesney

Informational Testimony:

00:02:23 Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Division, LFD

00:04:11 Bob Nelson, Director, Consumer Counsel

Questions from Committee and Responses:

00:15:50 Sen. Laible

00:16:50 Mr. Nelson

00:18:23 Sen. Laible

00:18:42 Mr. Nelson

00:19:03 Chairman McChesney

00:19:22 Mr. Nelson

00:19:40 Chairman McChesney

00:19:45 Mr. Nelson

00:20:04 Sen. Zinke

00:20:30 Rep. McNutt

00:21:33 Mr. Stayner

00:22:34 Chairman McChesney

00:23:00 Mr. Stayner

00:23:09 Sen. Laible

Consumer Counsel

Executive Action:

00:24:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that present law base adjustment **DP 1 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

00:24:55 Chairman McChesney

00:25:41 Rep. Sesso

00:26:03 Chairman McChesney

00:26:22 Rep. Sesso

00:27:19 Greg DeWitt, LFD

00:30:51 Rep. Sesso

00:31:28 Sen. Zinke

00:31:50 Chairman McChesney

00:32:16 Shawn Graham, OBPP

00:32:45 Sen. Zinke

00:32:51 Sen. Laible

00:34:14 Chairman McChesney

00:35:19 Rep. Sesso

00:37:09 Chairman McChesney

00:37:20 Sen. Laible

00:38:56 Rep. Sesso

00:39:19 Sen. Laible

00:40:00 Mr. DeWitt

00:41:19 Chairman McChesney

00:41:36 Mr. DeWitt

00:41:47 Sen. Laible

00:42:13 Chairman McChesney

00:42:23 Mr. DeWitt

00:44:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved that **PL 301** and **PL 302** to confirm staff action and establish a restricted funding for the purpose itemized in the present law motions **BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

00:46:54 Adjournment: 9:20 A.M.

Mitzi Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jgh32aad.pdf](#))