

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 12, 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 165, 2/6/2009; HB 211, 2/6/2009;
HB 333, 2/6/2009; HB 414, 2/6/2009
Executive Action: None

00:00:04 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 211

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on
HB 211, Responsible alcohol vendor act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:36 Ronna Alexander, Convenience Store Association
00:06:35 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association
00:07:24 Tony Herbert, Montana Brewer's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:08:14 Shawna Helfert, Administrator, Liquor Control Division,
Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:34 Rep. Morgan
00:14:04 Ms. Helfert
00:14:22 Rep. Morgan
00:14:42 Ms. Helfert
00:15:45 Rep. Morgan
00:16:42 Ms. Helfert
00:17:18 Rep. Morgan
00:17:51 Ms. Helfert
00:19:07 Rep. Morgan
00:19:29 Rep. Welborn
00:20:03 Rep. Morgan
00:20:42 Rep. Welborn
00:21:15 Rep. McChesney
00:21:36 Ms. Helfert
00:21:44 Rep. McChesney
00:21:53 Ms. Helfert
00:22:18 Chairman Sesso
00:22:26 Jon Moe, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division

00:23:25 Rep. McChesney
00:23:31 Rep. Glaser
00:24:01 Ms. Helfert
00:24:28 Rep. Glaser
00:24:48 Ms. Helfert
00:25:00 Rep. McChesney
00:25:25 Ms. Helfert
00:25:44 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:33 Rep. Welborn

HEARING ON HB 165

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:05 Rep. Chas Vincent (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on
HB 165, Statutory appropriation for wildfire
emergencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:02 Richard Van Auken, Fire Chief, Teton County
00:33:11 Robert Johnson, Montana AFL-CIO

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:27 Rep. Morgan
00:36:59 Rep. Vincent
00:37:21 Chairman Sesso
00:38:33 Rep. Vincent
00:39:17 Chairman Sesso
00:39:44 Rep. Vincent
00:40:22 Rep. Hawk
00:40:46 Chairman Sesso
00:40:53 Rep. Vincent
00:41:30 Rep. Hawk
00:41:52 Chairman Sesso
00:43:03 Rep. Vincent
00:43:55 Rep. Hawk
00:44:08 Rep. Vincent
00:44:45 Mr. Moe
00:45:49 Anne Bauchman, Centralized Services, Department of
Natural Resources and Conservation

00:46:29 Chairman Sesso

00:46:42 Ms. Bauchman

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Vincent

HEARING ON HB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:55 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on
HB 333, Fund geothermal research and development.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:25 Jon Metesh, Division Chief, Montana Bureau of Mining
and Geology

[EXHIBIT\(aph33a01\)](#)

00:55:29 Jon Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy

01:03:48 Robert Johnson, Montana AFL-CIO

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:09 Rep. Ankney

01:05:34 Rep. Noonan

01:05:58 Mr. Metesh

01:06:34 Rep. Ankney

01:06:56 Mr. Metesh

01:07:59 Rep. Villa

01:08:09 Mr. Metesh

01:08:54 Chairman Sesso

01:09:18 Mr. Metesh

01:10:17 Chairman Sesso

01:10:51 Mr. Metesh

01:12:00 Chairman Sesso

01:12:15 Mr. Fitzpatrick

01:12:35 Rep. Hawk

01:12:51 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:52 Rep. Noonan

HEARING ON HB 414

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:15:36 Rep. Gerald Bennett (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on
HB 414, Appropriation for grants to counties with
asbestos diseases.

EXHIBIT (aph33a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:11 Rep. Vincent
01:24:51 Eileen Carney, Former Representative, Libby
01:27:08 Betty Challinor, Case Worker, Asbestos Related Disease
Network

EXHIBIT (aph33a03)

01:31:28 Leroy Thom, Libby Asbestos Medical Program
01:34:22 Tanis Hernandez, Social Worker
01:40:06 Marianne Roose, Health Officer, Lincoln County
01:46:16 Tony Burgett, Former Mayor, Libby
01:46:56 Bill Patton, CEO, St. John's Hospital

EXHIBIT (aph33a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:13 Rep. Roberts
01:51:41 Ms. Challinor
01:52:06 Rep. Roberts
01:52:23 Ms. Challinor
01:53:00 Rep. Roberts
01:53:31 Ms. Challinor
01:54:20 Rep. Roberts
01:54:31 Ms. Challinor
01:55:20 Chairman Sesso
01:55:37 Rep. Henry
01:56:32 Rep. Bennett
01:56:49 Chairman Sesso
01:57:18 Ms. Hernandez
01:59:39 Rep. Henry
02:00:07 Ms. Hernandez
02:00:15 Chairman Sesso
02:00:40 Rep. Henry
02:01:47 Chairman Sesso
02:02:52 Mr. Burgett
02:03:37 Rep. Getz

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:38 Rep. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

02:05:43 Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph33aad.pdf](#))