

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 13, 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. 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: Rep. Llew Jones (R)

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 262, 2/9/2009; HB 315, 2/9/2009
Executive Action: None

Announcements:

00:00:06 Chairman Sesso

00:04:29 **Motion:** Rep. Glaser moved to draft and introduce a committee bill, The Montana Jobs and Economic Recovery Act.

EXHIBIT (aph34a01)

Discussion:

00:05:54 Chairman Sesso

00:06:21 Rep. Morgan

00:06:49 Chairman Sesso

00:07:51 Rep. Glaser

00:09:15 Rep. Hawk

00:09:31 Chairman Sesso

00:11:31 Rep. Hawk

00:11:36 Chairman Sesso

00:11:53 Rep. Kasten

00:12:36 Chairman Sesso

00:13:45 Rep. Kasten

00:14:02 Chairman Sesso

00:15:26 Rep. Glaser

00:16:31 Rep. Morgan

00:17:10 Chairman Sesso

00:17:16 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:17:23 Chairman Sesso

00:18:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:23 Rep. Anders Blewett (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 315, Increase amount and slow phase out of retiree exclusion from income.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:56 Russell Wrigg, Vice President, Association of Montana Retired Employees

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:05 Rep. Morgan
00:25:24 Rep. Blewett
00:25:52 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:26:20 Rep. Blewett
00:27:03 Chairman Sesso
00:27:16 Rep. Blewett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:37 Rep. Blewett

HEARING ON HB 262

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:47 Rep. Bob Ebinger (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on
HB 262, Revise list of low emission wood combustion
devices that qualify for tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:48 Guy Hanson, Owner, AXMEN

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:25 Rep. Hawk
00:34:43 Rep. Ebinger
00:35:00 Rep. Hawk
00:35:18 Rep. Ebinger
00:35:34 Rep. Getz
00:35:58 Mr. Hanson
00:36:49 Rep. McNutt
00:37:07 Rep. Ebinger

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:24 Rep. Ebinger

ADJOURNMENT

00:38:25 Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph34aad.pdf](#))