

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 16, 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. 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. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Glaser (R), Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

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 194, 2/12/2009; HB 166,
2/12/2009; HB 216, 2/12/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:07 Chairman Sesso
00:01:43 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:01:56 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 194

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:57 Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on
HB 194, Statutory appropriation for county payment from
hard rock mining trust account.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:15 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Association of
Counties
00:09:43 Dave Cole, Administrator, Department of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:18 Chairman Sesso
00:17:39 Rep. Mendenhall

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:07 Rep. Mendenhall

Discussion:

00:19:15 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 166

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:53 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on
HB 166, Increase DOJ prosecutor for fish and game law
violations to full-time attorney.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:19 Mike Korn, Coordinator, Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks (FWP)

00:25:21 Jean Johnson, Montana Game Warden's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:28 Rep. Roberts
00:27:59 Barb Harris, Attorney, Department of Justice
00:28:22 Rep. Roberts
00:28:35 Ms. Harris
00:29:28 Rep. Roberts
00:29:38 Rep. Getz
00:30:17 Ms. Harris
00:31:25 Rep. Getz
00:31:35 Ms. Harris
00:32:12 Rep. Getz
00:32:25 Ms. Harris
00:32:37 Sue Daley, CFO, (FWP)
00:33:04 Rep. Ankney
00:33:29 Mr. Korn
00:33:48 Rep. Ankney
00:34:01 Mr. Korn
00:34:32 Rep. Ankney
00:34:51 Mr. Korn
00:35:00 Ms. Harris
00:36:49 Rep. McNutt
00:37:21 Ms. Harris
00:38:07 Rep. McNutt
00:38:18 Ms. Harris
00:38:43 Rep. McNutt
00:39:20 Ms. Harris
00:40:05 Chairman Sesso
00:40:31 Ms. Daley
00:40:36 Chairman Sesso
00:41:12 Ms. Daley

00:41:48 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:00 Rep. Menahan

HEARING ON HB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:24 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on
HB 216, Increase penalty for felony DUI.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:23 Mark Murphy, Chief Criminal Deputy, Yellowstone County
Attorney's Office

00:56:01 Jim Smith, Lobbyist, Montana County Attorney's
Association

00:57:06 Jane Hamman, AAA Mountain West, Montana Traffic
Education Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:00 Rep. Henry

00:59:27 Rep. Menahan

01:00:14 Chairman Sesso

01:00:40 Rep. Kasten

01:00:57 Rep. Menahan

01:02:30 Chairman Sesso

01:03:42 Rep. Menahan

01:03:52 Chairman Sesso

01:03:57 Rep. Getz

01:04:47 Rep. Henry

01:05:09 Rep. Morgan

01:05:20 Mr. Murphy

01:06:52 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:01 Rep. Menahan

ADJOURNMENT

01:07:21 Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph36aad.pdf](#))