

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on February 19, 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. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
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 543, 2/13/2009; HB 305,  
2/13/2009; HB 583, 2/13/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:04 Chairman Sesso asked to be excused and asked Rep. Hiner  
to be chairwoman for the day.

00:01:29 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

**HEARING ON HB 305**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:48 Rep. Frosty Calf Boss Ribs (D), HD 15, opened the  
hearing on HB 305, Revise school retirement funding.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:59 Sen. Carol Juneau

**EXHIBIT (aph39b01)**

00:07:32 Tom Bilodeau, Research Director, Montana Education  
Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:12:40 Rep. Sue Dickinson

00:17:31 Rep. Shannon Augare

00:18:18 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association

00:20:35 Madeline Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public  
Instruction

00:21:57 Lynda Brannon, Montana Association of School Business  
Officials

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:24:29 Mary Wittinghill, Taxpayers Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:17 Rep. Villa

00:31:49 Ms. Quinlan

00:32:04 Rep. Villa

00:32:30 Ms. Quinlan

00:33:00 Rep. Villa

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:17 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

**HEARING ON HB 543**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:03 Rep. Frosty Calf Boss Ribs (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 543, Support funding for adult protective services worker for each reservation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:17 Sen. Carol Juneau

00:39:02 Alex Ward, Associate State Director, Outreach AARP

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:41:47 Rick Bartos, Bureau Chief, Adult Protective Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:25 Rep. Kasten

00:43:06 Mr. Bartos

00:43:56 Rep. Kasten

00:44:09 Rep. Getz

00:45:18 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

00:45:39 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division(LFD)

00:46:53 Rep. Getz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:42 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

**HEARING ON HB 583**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:49:03 Rep. John Fleming (D), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 583, Fund food and agriculture innovation centers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:55:13 Crissie McMullen, Grow Montana

00:58:16 Jan Tusick, Lake County Development Corporation,  
Mission Food Center

**EXHIBIT**(aph39b02)

01:02:06 Pamela Lemer, Lake County Development Corporation

**EXHIBIT (aph39b03)**

01:09:47 Joel Bertolino, Program Coordinator, Beartooth Research  
Conservation and Development

**EXHIBIT (aph39b04)**

01:12:59 Matthew Silent Thunder, Mission Mountain Food  
Enterprise Center

01:15:41 Kevin Moore, Grow Montana's Farm to Cafeteria  
Connection

**EXHIBIT (aph39b05)**

01:17:38 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

**EXHIBIT (aph39b06)**

01:21:16 Jay Preston, Volunteer President, Lake County  
Development Corporation

01:23:28 Ben Brouwer, Alternative Energy Resources Organization

01:25:14 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development  
Corporation

01:26:00 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union, Organic  
Growers

01:27:56 Pat Hennessey, Dietician, American Dietetic Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:30:37 Rep. Fleming

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:31:23 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT ([aph39bad.pdf](#))**