

## **MINUTES**

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

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bill McChesney, on February 20, 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)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Nooney (R)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (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:**

Subjects Addressed: Department of Administration,  
Department of Commerce, Department of Revenue, State  
Auditor's Office, Military Affairs

**Executive Action:**

Department of Administration, DP 2303  
Department of Commerce, NP 5190, DP 6103, DP 6104,  
State Auditor's Office DP 317, DP 314,  
Department of Revenue DP 3102,  
Military Affairs NP 9000, NP IED

**Executive Action:**

00:00:05 Chairman McChesney

00:02:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 2303**  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney  
and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

00:03:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 2303.**  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen  
and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:04:56 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER NP 5190.**

00:06:38 Sen. Zinke

00:07:30 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen.  
Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:07:45 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS NP 5190.**

**Discussion:**

00:07:58 Shawn Graham, OBPP

00:09:06 Chairman McChesney

00:09:17 Greg DeWitt, LFD

00:09:49 Rep. Sesso

00:12:42 Chairman McChesney

00:12:50 Sen. Laible

00:15:49 Chairman McChesney

00:16:02 Tony Preitre, Director, Department of Commerce

00:19:09 Sen. Laible

00:19:26 Mr. Preitre

00:19:43 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce

00:20:22 Sen. Laible

00:20:39 Mr. Poole

00:21:19 Sen. Laible

00:21:30 Mr. Poole

00:22:02 Sen. Laible

00:22:18 Mr. Poole

00:22:49 Rep. Sesso

00:23:24 Sen. Laible

00:23:47 Rep. Sesso

00:25:22 Sen. Laible

00:25:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-6 by voice vote. Sen. Laible voted aye. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted no by proxy.

00:27:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 6103** Main Street Program. Motion passed 5-1 by voice vote. Rep. Sesso voted no. Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:28:31 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 6103.**

**Discussion:**

00:29:01 Chairman McChesney

00:29:19 Sen. Laible

00:29:38 Chairman McChesney

00:29:44 Rep. Sesso

00:32:43 Sen. Laible

00:34:58 Rep. McNutt

00:36:00 **Vote:** Motion passed 5-1 by voice vote. Rep. Sesso voted no. Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

00:36:36 Recess

00:39:28 Reconvene

00:39:37 Chairman McChesney

00:39:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 6104** Made in Montana program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

00:40:24 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 6104** Made in Montana program.

**Discussion:**

00:40:54 Sen. Zinke

00:42:03 Sen. Laible

00:42:24 Matt Stayner, LFD

00:42:55 Rep. McNutt

00:43:18 Mr. Poole

00:44:02 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

00:44:42 Chairman McChesney

00:44:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 6104** Made in Montana program **BE ADOPTED.** Motion passed unanimously by voice

vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:45:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 317**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen, and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:46:11 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 317**.

**Discussion:**

00:46:28 Sen. Laible  
00:47:06 Rep. Sesso  
00:48:18 Mr. Graham  
00:49:25 Rep. Sesso  
00:49:28 Mr. Stayner  
00:50:26 Rep. Sesso  
00:51:10 Sen. Zinke  
00:52:32 Sen. Laible

00:53:12 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:54:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 314**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

00:54:57 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS DP 314**.

**Discussion:**

00:55:45 Sen. Laible  
00:55:48 Rep. Sesso  
00:56:52 Mr. Graham  
00:57:40 Rep. Sesso  
00:57:49 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

00:57:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 314 BE ADOPTED** with no funding. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney, Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

00:58:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER DP 3102** to expand State Veteran's Service. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted aye by proxy.

01:00:01 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 3102 BE ADOPTED** by replacing the wording of Missoula office and replace it with Ravalli County office.

**Discussion:**

01:00:29 Rep. Sesso  
01:00:47 Sen. Laible  
01:02:04 Chairman McChesney  
01:02:33 Sen. Laible  
01:03:53 Mr. Stayner

01:04:29 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **TO ADOPT DP 3102** with clarification to expand and enhance statewide Veteran's Services, and to have service officers in Hamilton, Billings and Helena.

01:05:34 Sen. Zinke  
01:07:57 Sen. Laible  
01:08:49 Mr. Graham  
01:09:56 Rep. Sesso  
01:11:36 Sen. Zinke  
01:12:57 Rep. Sesso

01:14:04 Recess  
01:20:17 reconvene

01:20:22 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

01:18:57 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DP 3102** to expand and enhance statewide Veteran's Services to have three new service officers in Missoula, Billings, and Helena under the provision that the new FTE in Missoula officer spend no less than 2 days in Hamilton, no less than 2 days in Polson, and the remaining day at the discretion of the supervisor with an additional \$7,500 in operating costs each year **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

01:22:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER NP 9000**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen, Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

01:23:12 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **NP 9000** with language that requires SB 315 Pass as introduced and hold at the current language of the bill in the amount of \$200,000 exemption **BE ADOPTED**.

**Discussion:**

01:25:19 Sen. Zinke  
01:27:19 Rep. Sesso  
01:27:29 Sen. Zinke  
01:27:51 Rep. Sesso  
01:30:07 Sen. Zinke  
01:32:36 Chairman McChesney  
01:32:56 Sen. Laible  
01:33:31 Sen. Zinke  
01:33:57 Sen. Laible  
01:34:55 Chairman McChesney  
01:34:47 Rep. McNutt  
01:35:55 Chairman McChesney  
01:36:24 Rep. McNutt  
01:36:51 Rep. Sesso  
01:38:54 Sen. Laible  
01:41:32 Mr. DeWitt  
01:42:01 Sen. Zinke  
01:43:52 Rep. Sesso  
01:45:15 Chairman McChesney  
01:45:20 Rep. Sesso  
01:48:10 Chairman McChesney  
01:48:30 Sen. Laible

01:48:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-5 by roll call vote. Sen. Laible and Rep. McNutt voted aye. Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted no by proxy.

01:50:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **NP 9000** with the condition of the passage of SB 315 **BE ADOPTED**. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

01:51:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Laible moved **TO RECONSIDER** action on **NP IED** program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Nooney and Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

01:52:42 **Motion:** Sen. Laible moved **DO NOT PASS** on **NP IED** program at \$750,000 one time only restricted.

01:53:12 Sen. Zinke  
01:58:42 Sen. Laible withdrew motion.

01:59:03 **Motion.** Sen Laible moved **NP IED** program as originally passed **BE ADOPTED**.

01:59:44 Mr. Graham

02:00:33 Sen. Zinke  
02:01:05 Rep. Sesso left.  
02:01:46 Chairman McChesney  
02:01:51 Sen. Zinke  
02:02:41 Chairman McChesney  
  
02:03:34 **Vote:** Motion passed 6-1 by voice vote. Rep.  
Sesso, Sen. Hansen and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.  
  
02:04:19 Chairman McChesney  
  
02:04:45 Recess  
02:19:50 Reconvene  
  
02:19:54 Chairman McChesney  
02:22:31 Sen. Laible  
02:23:01 Mr. DeWitt  
02:24:07 Chairman McChesney

**Goals and Objective Discussion:**

02:24:48 Sen. Laible  
**EXHIBIT(jgh40a01)**  
02:26:12 Mr. Stayner  
02:26:40 Mr. Graham  
02:27:54 Mr. Stayner  
02:28:33 Chairman McChesney  
02:29:27 Rep. McNutt  
02:30:15 Sen. Laible  
02:31:23 Sen. Zinke  
02:33:36 Rep. McNutt  
02:36:51 Sen. Zinke  
02:37:47 Chairman McChesney  
02:37:56 Sen. Laible  
02:38:53 Chairman McChesney  
02:39:22 Sen. Zinke  
02:40:06 Mr. DeWitt  
**EXHIBIT(jgh40a02)**  
02:40:27 Chairman McChesney  
02:41:02 Rep. McNutt  
02:41:53 Sen. Laible  
02:42:24 Mr. Stayner  
02:43:45 Sen. Laible  
02:45:45 Rep. McNutt  
02:47:01 Sen. Laible  
02:47:31 Rep. McNutt  
02:47:50 Mr. Stayner  
02:48:06 Sen. Laible

02:49:15 Chairman McChesney  
02:49:34 Sen. Zinke  
02:50:25 Rep. McNutt  
02:50:49 Sen. Zinke  
02:51:22 Chairman McChesney  
02:52:07 Sen. Zinke  
02:52:59 Chairman McChesney  
02:53:05 Sen. Laible  
02:54:33 Chairman McChesney  
02:54:40 Sen. Laible  
02:54:51 Mr. DeWitt  
02:55:21 Sen. Laible  
02:55:41 Alan Peury, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue  
02:56:05 Sen. Laible  
02:56:22 Mr. Peury  
02:57:03 Sen. Laible  
02:57:10 Mr. DeWitt  
02:58:05 Chairman McChesney  
02:58:36 Sen. Zinke  
02:58:58 Chairman McChesney  
02:59:45 Sen. Zinke

03:01:24 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman McChesney moved to close executive action on all agencies. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen, Rep. Sesso Nooney voted aye by proxy.

**Discussion:**

03:03:06 Sen. Zinke  
03:03:10 Sen. Laible  
03:03:55 Mr. Stayner  
03:04:52 Sen. Laible  
03:05:10 Mr. Stayner  
03:05:47 Sen. Laible  
03:06:47 Chairman McChesney  
03:06:52 Rep. McNutt  
03:07:08 Mr. Stayner  
03:07:21 Sen. Laible  
03:07:46 Mr. Stayner  
03:07:52 Rep. McNutt  
03:08:41 Dave Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office  
03:11:55 Chairman McChesney  
03:12:22 Mr. Ewer  
03:12:59 Mr. Stayner  
03:13:39 Chairman McChesney  
03:13:50 Mr. Ewer  
03:14:07 Chairman McChesney

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:14:21 Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

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Mitzi Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jgh40aad.pdf](#))**