

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

00:00:07 **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on March 4, 2009
at 8:00 A.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. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Clayton Schenk, 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 2, 2/27/2009

Executive Action: None

00:01:30 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:12 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 2, General appropriations act.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Overview:

00:12:07 Clayton Schenk, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

00:23:28 Chairman Sesso

Comment from the Executive:

00:23:48 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Executive Action

00:36:09 Chairman Sesso

00:37:00 **Motion:** Chairman Sesso moved **TO STRIKE EVERYTHING AFTER THE ENACTING CLAUSE IN HB 2, AS INTRODUCED, AND INSERT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEES AS THE COMMITTEE STUDY BILL.**

EXHIBIT (aph48a01)

Discussion:

00:37:50 Rep. Villa

00:38:16 Chairman Sesso

00:38:45 Rep. Morgan

00:39:04 Chairman Sesso

00:39:16 Rep. Morgan

00:39:50 Chairman Sesso

00:40:27 Rep. Kasten

00:40:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:40:58 **Motion:** Chairman Sesso moved that **THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVE THE DRAFTING AND INTRODUCTION OF A COMMITTEE BILL TO SERVE AS A COMPANION BILL TO HB 2, THAT WILL INCLUDE SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO STATUTE NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT HB 2 AS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph48a02\)](#)

00:42:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:30 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 2 (Section B)

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:06 Rep. Teresa Henry(D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 2, Section B (Health and Human Services), General appropriations act.
[EXHIBIT\(aph48a03\)](#)

00:52:16 Chairman Sesso

Discussion:

00:52:53 Anna Whiting-Sorrell, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 00:59:11 Rep. Henry
 01:02:57 Chairman Sesso
 01:03:01 Rep. Henry
 01:03:29 Chairman Sesso
 01:04:13 Rep. Henry
 01:07:42 Rep. Hollenbaugh
 01:08:01 Rep. Henry
 01:08:27 Rep. Hawk
 01:08:57 Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 01:10:37 Rep. Hawk
 01:10:52 Rep. Henry
 01:11:23 Chairman Sesso
 01:13:04 Ms. Daumiller
 01:14:17 Chairman Sesso
 01:15:27 Rep. Henry
 01:16:09 Chairman Sesso
 01:16:34 Rep. Morgan
 01:16:50 Chairman Sesso
 01:17:02 Rep. Morgan
 01:17:06 Chairman Sesso

01:17:48 Rep. Henry
01:18:31 Chairman Sesso
01:20:01 Rep. Morgan
01:20:34 Ms. Daumiller, LFD
01:22:18 Rep. Morgan
01:22:46 Ms. Daumiller
01:22:58 Rep. Getz
01:23:36 Rep. Henry
01:24:18 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)
01:25:45 Rep. Getz
01:26:07 Rep. Henry
01:26:22 Chairman Sesso
01:26:41 Rep. Henry
01:26:48 Chairman Sesso
01:27:31 Rep. Morgan
01:28:28 Rep. Henry
01:29:36 Rep. Getz
01:30:32 Ms. Dauiller
01:30:55 Rep. Getz
01:31:03 Ms. Daumiller
01:31:50 Rep. Morgan
01:31:55 Ms. Daumiller
01:33:01 Rep. Kasten
01:35:15 Rep. Henry
01:36:35 Rep. Morgan
01:37:51 Rep. Henry
01:38:50 Chairman Sesso
01:39:41 Director Anna Whiting-Sorrell
01:42:30 Chairman Sesso
01:43:09 Director Whiting-Sorrell
01:43:30 Lori Lamson, Department of Public Health and Human
Services (DPHHS)
01:43:40 Chairman Sesso
01:44:48 Ms. Lamson
01:45:54 Chairman Sesso
01:46:29 Ms. Lamson
01:47:22 Chairman Sesso

01:48:56 Recess
02:13:45 Reconvene

02:13:57 Rep. Henry
02:18:56 Rep. Morgan
02:19:59 Rep. Henry
02:22:45 Lori Lamson, DPHHS
02:27:37 Rep. Henry
02:33:19 Rep. Henry
02:38:20 Rep. Morgan

02:39:57 Director Whiting-Sorrell
02:41:24 Rep. Morgan
02:41:47 Jeff Sturm, Program Director, Developmental
Disabilities, DPHHS
02:44:47 Rep. Morgan
02:45:24 Mr. Sturm
02:45:37 Director Whiting-Sorrell
02:46:02 Ms. Daumiller
02:47:34 Rep. Morgan
02:48:12 Rep. Kasten
02:48:37 Rep. Morgan
02:49:14 Chairman Sesso
02:49:23 Ms. Lamson
02:51:45 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division
02:53:53 Rep. Kasten
02:54:10 Chairman Sesso
02:54:37 Rep. Getz
02:54:52 Mr. Sturm
02:55:44 Rep. Hiner
02:56:02 Mr. Sturm
02:56:14 Rep. Hiner
02:56:26 Mr. Sturm
02:56:50 Mary Dalton, Medicaid and Health Services, DPPHS
02:59:15 Rep. Villa
02:59:49 Chairman Sesso
03:01:04 Rep. Henry
03:03:59 Rep. Morgan
03:05:14 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD
03:06:15 Rep. Morgan
03:06:47 Ms. Steinbeck
03:07:34 Rep. Morgan
03:09:28 Ms. Steinbeck
03:11:34 Rep. Morgan
03:12:57 Ms. Steinbeck
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03:40:25 Chairman Sesso

Public Comments:

03:42:06 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association
03:45:30 Christina Davis, Montana Children's Defense Fund
03:47:37 Steve Nelson, Director, Montana Children's Initiative
03:49:37 Rep. Chuck Hunter, HD 79
03:50:46 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights of Montana
03:52:24 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP Montana
EXHIBIT (aph48a04)
03:53:59 Travis Hoffman, Montana's Independent Living Centers
03:56:42 Extended Break; Committee will reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

03:56:45 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph48aad.pdf](#))