

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on March 5, 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. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Nooney (R), Rep. Penny Morgan (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 &amp; Date Posted: HB 2, 2/24/2009

Executive Action: HB 2 Section E

**Section E****Discussion:**

00:00:04 Chairman Sesso  
00:03:04 Rep. Villa, Education Subcommittee Chairman  
00:06:42 Arlynn Fishbaugh, Director, Montana Arts Council  
00:07:06 Rep. Villa  
00:08:30 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian  
00:08:59 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:09:25 Rep. Villa  
00:09:42 Rep. Sesso  
00:09:47 Rep. Villa  
00:09:52 Chairman Sesso  
00:10:11 Rep. Henry  
00:10:37 Rep. Villa  
00:15:13 Richard Simms, Director, Montana Historical Society  
00:16:07 Rep. Roberts  
00:16:19 Mr. Simms  
00:17:11 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:18:00 Mr. Simms  
00:18:45 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:18:53 Mr. Simms  
00:19:35 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:20:11 Mr. Simms  
00:20:57 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:21:19 Mr. Simms  
00:22:32 Rep. Villa  
00:23:54 Steve Malloy, Executive, Board of Public Education  
00:24:42 Rep. Villa  
00:27:18 Mr. Malloy  
00:28:11 Rep. Villa  
00:40:16 Chairman Sesso  
00:40:27 Rep. Villa  
00:42:42 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner, Higher Education

**EXHIBIT (aph49a01)**

00:58:35 Rep. Roberts  
00:58:52 Ms. Sterns  
00:59:21 Rep. Steenson  
00:59:55 Ms. Sterns  
01:00:23 Rep. Getz  
01:01:22 Rep. Villa  
01:03:08 Rep. Getz

01:03:23 Rep. Villa  
01:03:51 Rep. Sesso  
01:04:39 Rep. McChesney  
01:05:02 Rep. Villa  
01:05:45 Rep. Sesso  
01:05:52 Rep. Villa  
01:06:06 Ms. Sterns  
01:07:06 Rep. Steenson  
01:07:34 Rep. Villa  
01:08:55 Steve Gettle, Superintendent, Montana School for the  
Deaf and Blind

**EXHIBIT (aph49a02)**

01:14:58 Rep. Glaser  
01:16:54 Rep. Villa  
01:19:10 Chairman Sesso  
01:19:32 Rep. Villa  
01:25:40 Denise Juneau, State Superintendent, Office of Public  
Instruction  
01:34:36 Rep. Roberts  
01:35:00 Robert Runkle, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public  
Instruction  
01:36:09 Rep. Villa

**Public Comments:**

01:37:39 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association  
01:40:00 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana  
Federation of Teachers  
01:42:35 Terry Kendrick, Montana Indian Education Association  
01:44:33 David Nelson, Board Member, Montana Public Television  
01:45:54 Yvonne Gritzner, Public Broadcasting System  
01:47:37 Jane Caras, President, Flathead Valley Community  
College

**Questions and Discussion:**

01:49:15 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:50:32 Ms. Gritzner  
01:50:44 Rep. Villa  
01:51:06 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:52:14 Rep. Villa  
  
01:54:22 Committee took a 30-minute break.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION SECTION E**

02:35:50 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a03)**

**Discussion:**

02:36:55 Rep. Glaser

02:37:13 Rep. Hiner

02:37:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with  
Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voting by proxy.

02:37:37 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a04)**

**Discussion:**

02:38:34 Rep. Glaser

02:38:41 Rep. Hiner

02:38:56 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote, 19-1 with Rep.  
Kasten voting no. Rep. Morgan and Rep. Nooney voted  
by proxy.

02:39:15 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a05)**

**Discussion:**

02:39:56 Rep. Glaser

02:40:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with  
Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voting by proxy.

02:40:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Morgan  
and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a06)**

02:41:25 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a07)**

**Discussion:**

02:42:14 Rep. Glaser

02:42:40 Chairman Sesso

02:42:47 Rep. Villa

02:42:55 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote, 18-2 with Rep. Kasten and Rep. Hawk voting no. Rep. Morgan and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

02:43:28 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT \(aph49a08\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:44:40 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division

02:46:08 Chairman Sesso

02:46:32 Mr. Standaert

02:46:42 Rep. Glaser

02:47:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voting by proxy.

02:47:30 **Motion:** Rep. Hiner moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT \(aph49a09\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:49:16 Rep. Glaser

02:49:53 Chairman Sesso

02:50:25 Rep. Hiner

02:51:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voting by proxy.

02:51:35 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT \(aph49a10\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:53:18 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

02:53:40 Rep. Sesso

02:53:48 Rep. Steenson

02:54:25 Rep. Villa

02:54:41 Rep. Glaser

02:54:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voting by proxy.

02:55:03 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT \(aph49a11\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:56:23 Rep. Villa

02:56:29 Chairman Sesso

02:56:56 Rep. Villa  
02:57:25 Rep. Glaser  
02:57:45 Rep. Villa  
02:58:36 Rep. Glaser  
02:58:59 Chairman Sesso  
02:59:06 Ms. Wilkinson  
02:59:43 Chairman Sesso  
02:59:59 Rep. McChesney  
03:01:00 Chairman Sesso  
03:01:17 Rep. Villa  
03:01:47 Rep. Jones  
03:02:14 Rep. Mehlhoff

03:03:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Ankney, Rep. Getz, Rep. Glaser, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Hollandsworth, Rep. Jones, Rep. Kasten, Rep. McNutt, Rep. Morgan, Rep. Nooney, and Rep. Roberts voting no. Rep. Morgan and Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

03:04:00 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a12)**

**Discussion:**

03:05:14 Rep. Glaser  
03:06:22 Rep. Sesso  
03:06:26 Rep. Villa  
03:07:09 Rep. Mehlhoff  
03:07:46 Rep. Villa  
03:08:34 Rep. Glaser  
03:09:43 Rep. Hollandsworth  
03:10:56 Rep. Steenson  
03:12:14 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
03:14:36 Rep. Hollandsworth  
03:15:00 Rep. Getz  
03:15:21 Rep. Villa

03:16:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Getz, Rep. Henry, Rep. Hiner, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Sesso, Rep. Steenson, and Rep. Villa voting aye. Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voted by proxy.

03:17:58 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a13)**

03:18:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voting by proxy.

03:18:44 **Motion:** Rep. Villa moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49a14)**

**Discussion:**

03:19:56 Rep. Ankney  
03:20:18 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
03:21:13 Rep. Ankney  
03:21:22 Rep. Glaser  
03:21:53 Chairman Sesso  
03:24:46 Rep. Jones  
03:25:57 Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division  
03:26:46 Rep. Jones  
03:27:02 Ms. Joehler  
03:27:19 Rep. Jones  
03:27:30 Chairman Sesso  
03:27:52 Ms. Joehler  
03:29:42 Chairman Sesso  
03:29:54 Rep. Getz  
03:30:01 Rep. Hollandsworth  
03:31:25 Rep. Jones  
03:32:04 Chairman Sesso  
03:33:42 Rep. Glaser  
03:35:10 Chairman Sesso

03:35:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Ankney, Rep. Glaser, and Rep. Hollandsworth voting no. Rep. Nooney and Rep. Morgan voted by proxy.

**Announcements:**

03:37:44 Chairman Sesso

03:38:28 **Motion:** Rep. Glaser moved to close Section E.

03:38:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:39:11 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph49aad.pdf](#))**