

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman Bill McChesney, on March 12, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark Bruno, OBPP
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 Heard: HB 645: Governor's Office, Department of Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Military Affairs, Department of Labor & Industry

Executive Action: None

00:00:07 Chairman McChesney

Governor's Office

Informational Testimony:

00:03:53 Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(jgh55a01\)](#)

00:04:56 Sen. Zinke
00:05:06 Mr. Stayner
00:05:16 Sen. Laible
00:05:40 Mr. Stayner

Department of Administration

Informational Testimony:

00:06:00 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division LFD
00:07:37 Mark Bruno, Office of Budget and Program Planning
(OBPP)

Public Comment:

00:08:28 David Senn, Director, Teacher Retirement Division
00:10:20 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT

Discussion:

00:12:41 Chairman McChesney
00:13:06 Mr. Senn
00:13:24 Chairman McChesney
00:13:31 Mr. Senn
00:14:07 Sen. Laible
00:14:34 Mr. Senn
00:14:53 Sen. Laible
00:15:07 Mr. Senn
00:15:27 Sen. Laible
00:16:07 Mr. Senn
00:16:43 Sen. Hansen
00:17:03 Mr. Senn
00:17:38 Sen. Zinke
00:18:34 Mr. Senn
00:19:21 Chairman McChesney

Department of Commerce

00:19:58 Mr. Stayner

00:23:41 Sen. Zinke
00:24:06 Mr. Stayner
00:24:43 Sen. Zinke
00:24:58 Chairman McChesney

Informational Testimony:

00:25:29 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce
(DOC)
00:38:42 Tony Preite, Director, DOC
00:43:22 Chairman McChesney

Public Comment:

00:43:59 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development
Corporation of Northern Montana

EXHIBIT (jgh55a02)

00:47:14 Rep. Bob Bergren, HD 33, Havre, Montana
00:48:42 Mike Anderson, Hill County Commissioner
00:49:56 Rep. Betsy Hands, HD 99, Missoula, Montana
00:59:00 Michael O'Neil, State Director, Montana Home Choice
Coalition
01:06:34 Chairman McChesney
01:06:48 Ellen Simpson, Montana Wood Products Association

Questions from Committee and Responses:

01:11:44 Chairman McChesney
01:12:43 Sen. Zinke
01:13:29 Rep. Hands
01:14:46 Sen. Zinke
01:15:07 Sen. Laible
01:16:07 Mr. Poole
01:16:44 Sen. Laible
01:17:03 Mr. Poole
01:17:24 Sen. Laible
01:17:29 Bruce Brensdal, Administrator, Housing Division, DOC
01:18:13 Sen. Laible
01:18:44 Mr. Brensdal
01:19:13 Sen. Laible
01:19:20 Chairman McChesney
01:20:06 Mr. Brensdal
01:20:37 Chairman McChesney
01:20:48 Mr. Brensdal
01:21:08 Chairman McChesney
01:21:19 Sen. Zinke
01:21:27 Rep. McNutt

01:22:05 Rep. Hands
01:22:28 Chairman McChesney
01:22:40 Rep. Hands
01:23:14 Chairman McChesney
01:23:35 Patrick Heffernan, Director, Montana Working Forests
01:24:55 Chairman McChesney
01:25:08 Tim Baker, Executive Director, Montana Wilderness
Association

EXHIBIT(jgh55a03)

01:27:02 Sen. Zinke
01:27:33 Ms. Simpson
01:28:27 Sen. Zinke
01:28:43 Ms. Simpson
01:29:53 Sen. Zinke
01:30:15 Chairman McChesney
01:31:01 Ms. Simpson
01:32:00 Chairman McChesney
01:32:12 Ms. Simpson
01:33:02 Sen. Laible
01:34:02 Ms. Simpson
01:35:40 Sen. Laible

Public Comment:

01:36:04 Chere Jiusto, Main Street Program, Historic
Preservation

EXHIBIT(jgh55a04)

Questions from Committee and Responses:

01:42:53 Sen. Laible
01:44:13 Mr. Stayner
01:44:21 Sen. Laible
01:44:55 Mr. Stayner
01:46:13 Sen. Laible
01:47:07 Ms. Jiusto
01:48:53 Chairman McChesney

01:49:17 Recess
02:01:19 Reconvene

Public Comment:

02:01:38 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana, National Center
for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)

EXHIBIT(jgh55a05)

02:09:34 Chairman McChesney

02:10:11 Jeff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications
Association
02:15:59 Marty Tuttle, Chief Legal Counsel, DOC
02:22:27 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunications
Systems

EXHIBIT(jgh55a06)

02:25:54 David Gibson, Director, Qwest Communications

Questions from Committee and Responses:

02:29:26 Chairman McChesney
02:29:35 Sen. Hansen
02:30:00 Mr. Tuttle
02:33:40 Sen. Laible
02:35:06 Mr. Feiss
02:37:51 Sen. Laible
02:38:11 Mr. Feiss
02:38:17 Sen. Laible
02:39:04 Mr. Tuttle
02:42:08 Sen. Laible
02:42:56 Mr. Tuttle
02:44:08 Sen. Laible
02:44:54 Mr. Tuttle
02:46:40 Rep. Duane Ankney, HD 43, Colstrip, Montana
02:49:04 Sen. Laible
02:49:22 Rep. Ankney
02:49:39 Sen. Hansen
02:49:57 Rep. Ankney
02:50:10 Sen. Laible left.
02:50:15 Sen. Zinke
02:50:32 Rep. Ankney
02:50:40 Chairman McChesney
02:50:49 Lorrie Merrill, Director, Big Sandy Activities
02:54:33 Chairman McChesney
02:54:48 Sen. Laible returned.
02:54:55 Sen. Zinke
02:55:07 Mr. Poole
02:55:49 Chairman McChesney
02:55:55 Mr. Poole
02:56:21 Sen. Zinke
02:56:34 Mr. Poole
02:56:56 Chairman McChesney
02:57:03 Sen. Laible
02:57:31 Mr. Tuttle
02:57:36 Sen. Laible
02:57:56 Mr. Tuttle
02:58:20 Chairman McChesney

Department of Military Affairs

Informational Testimony:

02:58:49 Brigadier General Putnam, Assistant Adjutant General,
Montana National Guard

02:59:49 Rep. Furey, HD 91, Milltown, Montana

EXHIBIT(jgh55a07)

03:01:55 Sen. Zinke

03:02:20 General Putnam

03:02:38 Sen. Laible

03:03:10 Rep. Furey

03:04:57 Sen. Laible

03:05:30 Rep. Furey

Department of Labor and Industry

03:06:35 Mr. Stayner

03:11:30 Sen. Zinke

03:11:56 Mr. Stayner

03:12:26 Sen. Zinke

Informational Testimony:

03:12:38 Keith Kelly, Commissioner, Montana Department of Labor
and Industry

EXHIBIT(jgh55a08)

03:35:05 Sen. Laible

03:35:33 Mr. Kelly

03:35:54 Sen. Laible

03:36:12 Mr. Kelly

03:37:51 Mr. Stayner

03:38:15 Sen. Laible

03:38:49 Mr. Kelly

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03:56:36 Sen. Zinke
03:57:13 Rep. McNutt left.
03:57:43 Chairman McChesney

ADJOURNMENT

03:58:01 Adjournment: 12:10 P.M.

Mitzi Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([jgh55aad.pdf](#))