

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on March 18, 2009 at 10:00
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. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: None

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 627, 3/16/2009; HB 637,
3/16/2009; HB 644, 3/16/2009; HB
646, 3/16/2009

Executive Action: HB 637

00:00:26 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON HB 637

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:41 Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on
HB 637, Diverting a portion of the hospital bed tax to
fund mental health services.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:01:01 Rep. Driscoll

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 637

00:01:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glaser moved that **HB 637 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 644

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:24 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on
HB 644, Funding for national folk festival.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:56 George Everett, Main Street Uptown Butte
00:15:04 Ray Compfull, Bozeman

00:16:42 Josh Beck, Butte, Montana
00:19:37 Barbara Miller, Economic Developer, Butte
00:22:33 Julie Berg, self
00:23:28 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce
00:27:54 Steve Yeakel, self
00:29:58 Mike Halligan, Washington Corporation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:10 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:31:58 Rep. Steenson
00:32:09 Rep. Sesso
00:32:38 Rep. Morgan
00:32:53 Rep. Sesso
00:33:58 Rep. Morgan
00:34:12 Rep. Sesso
00:35:03 Rep. Morgan
00:35:13 Rep. Sesso
00:35:55 Rep. Morgan
00:36:28 Rep. Sesso
00:36:34 Rep. Hawk
00:36:51 Rep. Sesso
00:38:37 Rep. Henry
00:39:16 Ms. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:14 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 646

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:32 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on
HB 646, Energy efficiency fund for K-12 schools.

EXHIBIT (aph60a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:41 Ed Huick, Vice Chairman, Northern Plains Research
Council

EXHIBIT (aph60a02)

00:53:23 Katie Kemmick, Billings

EXHIBIT (aph60a03)

00:56:12 Sam Grassy, Helena

00:57:52 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT
00:58:55 Jason Miller, United Carpenters
00:59:33 Ron Devlin, Northwestern Energy
01:00:07 Mike Penfold, Our Montana
01:00:43 Jessie Luther, Montana Contractors Association
01:01:15 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
01:01:55 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters
01:02:32 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Center
01:02:59 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:03:40 Lou More, Department of Environmental Quality
01:05:17 Joe Triem, Architecture and Engineering, Department of
Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:53 Rep. Kasten
01:07:16 Mr. Devlin
01:08:39 Rep. Kasten
01:09:21 Mr. Devlin

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:10 Rep. Grinde

HEARING ON HB 627

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:28 Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D), HD 85, opened the hearing on
HB 627, Procedure for review of expenditure of federal
stimulus funds.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:19 Rep. Morgan
01:13:51 Rep. Hiner
01:14:40 Rep. Ankney
01:14:46 Rep. Hiner

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:20 Rep. Hiner

Announcements:

01:15:30 Chairman Sesso

01:21:33 Rep. Glaser

01:21:46 Chairman Sesso

01:22:45 Rep. Glaser

01:23:08 Chairman Sesso

01:23:13 Rep. Glaser

01:23:20 Chairman Sesso

ADJOURNMENT

01:24:16 Adjournment: 11:30 A.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph60aad.pdf](#))