

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on March 31, 2009 at 9:00
A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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: Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)

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: SB 119, 3/27/2009; SB 350,
3/27/2009; SB 429, 3/27/2009;
SB 452, 3/27/2009; SB 460,
3/27/2009; SB 500, 3/27/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:13 Vice Chairwoman Hiner

HEARING ON SB 500

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:42 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on
SB 500, Specify the proceeds of riverbed rent.
[EXHIBIT](#)(aph71a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:35 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation (DNRC)
00:11:37 Candace West, Chief Legal Counsel, DNRC
00:19:14 Rusty Harper, Office of Secretary of State

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:25 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:20:58 Sen. Peterson
00:23:35 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:24:00 Sen. Peterson
00:25:37 Rep. Kasten
00:26:11 Sen. Peterson
00:26:51 Rep. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:04 Sen. Peterson

HEARING ON SB 350

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:16 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 350, Revise laws on HIV testing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:06 Kathy Hall, Riverstone Health, Billings

EXHIBIT(aph71a02)

00:37:36 Tursh McCracken, OBGYN

00:43:09 Barbara Schneeman, Riverstone Health; Montana Association for Public Health Officials

00:44:46 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

00:45:49 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association

00:46:18 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health

00:46:47 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospital Association

EXHIBIT(aph71a03)

00:48:10 Stacey Anderson, Director, Planned Parenthood

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:45 Rep. Roberts

00:49:27 Mr. McCracken

00:50:00 Rep. Roberts

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:23 Sen. Gillan

HEARING ON SB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:33 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 119, Medicaid buy-in option for individuals with disabilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:05 Travis Hoffman, Montana's Independent Living Centers

00:59:54 Andrea Dahl, Missoula

EXHIBIT(aph71a04)

01:07:19 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services

01:09:18 Beth Brenneman, Attorney, Disability Rights Montana

01:11:03 Bob Maffit, Director, Montana Independent Living

01:19:18 Mark Sanders, Brain Injury Association

01:21:02 Michael Beers, self

01:25:35 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, National Alliance on
Mental Illness

01:28:03 Rita Charles, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

01:29:11 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association

01:31:04 Tom Osborn, Executive Director, North Central
Independent Living Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:09 Rep. Getz

01:32:35 Sen. Esp

01:32:51 Rep. Getz

01:33:04 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:46 Sen. Esp

01:35:24 Recess

01:45:11 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 452

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:17 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on
SB 452, Revise federal mandates act.

EXHIBIT(aph71a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:39 Betty Lou Kasten

Opponents' Testimony:

01:48:31 Ann Brodsky, Associate Counsel, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony:

01:58:33 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Auditor

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:15 Rep. Morgan

02:00:06 Ms. Kasten

02:01:45 Rep. Morgan

02:02:15 Ms. Kasten

02:02:34 Rep. Morgan

02:03:10 Ms. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:09 Sen. Curtiss

HEARING ON SB 460

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:10 Sen. Bob Story (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 460, Committee to oversee and evaluate stimulus package funding.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:09:17 David Ewer, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Informational Testimony:

02:12:12 Susan Byron Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:09 Rep. Getz

02:13:51 Sen. Story

02:14:22 Rep. Hollandsworth

02:14:50 Sen. Story

02:16:15 Rep. Henry

02:16:55 Sen. Story

02:17:25 Rep. Mehlhoff

02:18:07 Sen. Story

02:20:22 Rep. Morgan

02:20:45 Sen. Story
02:22:48 Rep. Morgan
02:23:13 Sen. Story
02:24:33 Rep. Ankney
02:24:50 Sen. Story
02:25:22 Rep. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:20 Sen. Story

HEARING ON SB 429

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:28:11 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on
SB 429, General fund transfers to legislative branch
for retirement and computer reserve.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:29:43 Susan Byron Fox, Executive Director, Legislative
Services Division

[EXHIBIT](#) ([aph71a06](#))

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:33:11 Sen. Zinke

ADJOURNMENT

02:34:31 Adjournment: 11:30 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph71aad.pdf](#))