

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Walter McNutt, on January 12, 2011 at 2:24 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)

Members Excused: Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Antoine Brockman, Committee Secretary
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 42, 1/07/2011; HB 48, 1/07/2011; HB 138, 01/07/2011

HEARING ON HB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:19 Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 42, Transfer fund balance from coal bed methane account to general fund.

00:03:44 Rep. Schmidt entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:46 Amy Sassano, Deputy Budget Director, Governors Budget Office.

00:05:40 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Nature Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:08:12 Jon Moe, Expenditure Policy Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:20 Rep. Cook

00:09:32 Ms. Sexton

00:09:44 Ray Beck, Bureau Chief of the Conservation Resource Development Division, Department of Nature Resource and Conservation (DNRC)

00:11:01 Rep. Brodehl

00:11:26 Ray Beck, DNRC

00:11:56 Rep. Burnett

00:12:08 Ray Beck

00:12:35 Rep. Edmunds

00:12:53 Mr. Beck, DNRC

00:13:36 Rep. Edmunds

00:13:52 Rep. McChesney

00:14:30 Rep. Osmundson

00:14:46 Rep. Esp entered the room.

00:15:03 Rep. Beck

00:15:13 Rep. Esp left the room.

00:16:15 Rep. Osmundson

00:16:23 Rep. Beck

00:16:45 Chairman McNutt

00:16:51 Mr. Beck, DNRC

00:17:06 Rep. McChesney

00:17:20 Rep. Esp reentered the room.

00:17:34 Rep. Cuffe

00:18:01 Rep. Hallenbaugh

00:18:29 Rep. Cuffe

00:18:38 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:19:25 Rep. Cuffe
00:19:46 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:20:34 Rep. Osmundson
00:20:48 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:21:40 Rep. Osmundson
00:21:58 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:22:26 Chairman McNutt
00:23:36 Rep. Cook left room.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:01 Rep. Hollenbaugh

HEARING ON HB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:57 Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 48, Transfer funds between fire suppression fund and general fund.
00:25:21 Rep. Gibson and Rep. Belcourt left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:44 David Ewer, Director, Governor's Budget Office
00:29:26 Rep. Gibson reentered the room.
00:31:43 Rep. Mehlhoff entered the room.
00:31:59 Rep. Mehlhoff left the room.
00:33:01 Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC
00:37:33 Tara Veazey, Montana Budget and Public Policy Center
00:40:07 Diane Fladmo - Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:02 Rep. Pat Connell
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00:47:30 Rep. Esp left the room.
00:50:15 Richard Van Auken, Teton County Fire Warden

Informational Testimony:

00:53:25 Barb Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:53:31 Rep. Hollandsworth left the room.
00:53:50 Rep. Esp reentered the room.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:36 Rep. Edmunds
00:56:00 Barb Smith
00:56:22 Rep. Ehli
00:56:30 Ms. Sexton, DNRC
00:59:37 Rep. Ehli
01:00:16 Ms. Sexton, DNRC
01:01:42 Rep. Edmunds
01:02:06 Rep. Connell
01:02:31 Rep. Esp left the room.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:56 Rep. Hollenbaugh

HEARING ON HB 138

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:01 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 138, Eliminate the subsidy of MUS optional retirement program for certain positions.
01:05:22 Rep. Menahan asks to table

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:15 David Ewer, Director, Governor's Budget Office
01:06:34 Rep. Esp reentered the room.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:55 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
01:07:22 Rep. Cook reentered the room.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:43 Rep. Menahan

ADJOURNMENT

01:08:30 Adjournment: Chairman McNutt adjourned the meeting.

Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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