

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 17, 2011 at 3:12 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. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. John Esp (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)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)

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 239, 2/12/2011; HB 283, 2/12/2011; HB 365, 2/12/2011; HB 502, 2/12-2011

HEARING ON HB 502**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:48 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 502, Provide for installation of historically appropriate handrails in Capitol.

00:02:05 Rep. Cook entered the room.

00:06:50 Rep. Cuffe left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:30 Russ Ritter, Self

00:07:47 Rep. Mehlhoff left the room.

00:09:31 Betty Babcock, Self

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00:12:12 Norma Jean Kelly, President, Capitol Restoration Foundation

00:14:46 Rep. Taylor

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:16:43 Lenore Adams, Facilities Coordinator, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:16:49 Marvin Eickholtz, General Services Administrator, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:18:15 Rep. Ankney entered the room.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:29 Rep. Beck

00:18:36 Rep. Taylor

00:18:55 Rep. Beck

00:19:01 Rep. Taylor

00:20:03 Rep. Brodehl

00:20:39 Mr. Eickholtz, DOA

00:20:50 Rep. Brodehl

00:21:19 Rep. Edmunds

00:21:42 Jaret Coles, Legislative Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:23:13 Rep. Gibson

00:24:20 Mr. Eickholtz, DOA

00:24:43 Rep. Gibson

00:25:10 Rep. Burnett

00:25:35 Mr. Eickholtz, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:01 Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON HB 365

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:16 Rep. Mike Menahan (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 365, Revise laws regarding involuntary commitment.

00:30:02 Rep. Hollenbaugh left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:50 Bob Ross, Billings

00:34:33 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

00:36:24 Quentin Schroeter, Self

00:36:51 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:38:08 Lou Thompson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:25 Rep. Esp

00:39:13 Rep. Cuffe left the room.

00:39:34 Rep. Esp

00:39:51 Rep. Schmidt

00:40:10 Ms Thompson, DPHHS

00:40:47 Rep. Gibson left the room.

00:41:04 Rep. Esp

00:41:16 Ms. Thompson, DPHHS

00:41:25 Rep. Esp

00:41:32 Ms Thompson, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:50 Rep. Menahan

HEARING ON HB 239

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:37 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 239, Mandated benefits review by Insurance Commissioner for Legislature.

00:44:14 Rep. Esp left the room.
00:44:59 Rep. Gibson entered the room

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:27 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 283

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:16 Rep. Liz Bangerter (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 283, Allow sex to be considered in certain insurance coverage.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:35 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association (AIA)
00:53:19 Bill Wardon, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)
00:54:25 Dwight Easten, Farmers Insurance Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:40 Rep. Cook
00:56:17 Ms Lenmark, Representative, AIA
00:56:51 Rep. Gibson
00:57:10 Jesse Laslovich, Chief Legal Council, State Auditor's Office
00:57:45 Rep. Hollandsworth entered the room.
00:59:07 Rep. Cook
00:59:23 Mr. Laslovich, State Auditor's Office
00:59:58 Rep. Cook
01:00:11 Mr. Laslovich, State Auditor's Office
01:00:24 Rep. Cook
01:00:29 Mr. Laslovich, State Auditor's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:49 Rep. Bangerter

ADJOURNMENT

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Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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