

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Bill Beck, on February 17, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Beck, Chair (R)
Sen. Alan Olson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch
Cheryl Pesta, Committee Secretary
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch
Mark Bruno, Governor's Office
Christine Hultin-Brus, Governor's Office

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:

Final Meeting and Wrap Up

00:00:43 Rep. Beck

State Auditor:

00:00:59 Jesse Laslovich, State Auditor

[EXHIBIT\(jgh39a01\)](#)

Questions From Committee:

00:04:33 Rep. Edmunds

00:04:46 Mr. Laslovich

00:05:12 Rep. Edmunds

00:05:24 Mr. Laslovich

00:05:31 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh39a02\)](#)

00:08:15 Sen. Buttrey

00:08:51 Mr. Laslovich

00:09:07 Sen. Wanzenried

00:09:36 Ms. Steinbeck

00:09:57 Sen. Wanzenried

00:10:09 Ms. Steinbeck

00:10:30 Rep. Beck

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON ALL DP ITEMS OPEN

00:11:03 Ms Steinbeck

[EXHIBIT\(jgh39a03\)](#)

DP 302

00:11:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **DP302 REINSTATE INSURE MONTANA BASE LEVEL AND BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

DP 310

00:12:29 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **DP 310 BE ADOPTED.**

00:12:48 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Edmunds made a substitute motion that **DP 310 ELIMINATE THE TAX REFUND AND BE AMENDED**

Discussion:

00:13:24 Rep. McChesney

00:13:30 Ms. Steinbeck

00:14:11 Sen Wanzenried

00:14:23 Rep. Edmunds withdrew motion

00:14:25 Sen. Wanzenried withdrew motion

00:14:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **DP 310 ELECTED OFFICIAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$114,364 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:14:57 Ms. Steinbeck

00:15:25 Rep. Beck

00:15:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved **TO REDUCE INSURE MONTANA BY \$160,000 PER YEAR TO REMOVE THE IT CONTRACT THAT IS NOT ONGOING AND BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:16:53 Rep. Beck

00:17:47 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved that **MOVE TO LIMIT INSURE MONTANA PREMIUM FOR AN EMPLOYEE TO 300% OF THE POVERTY LEVEL AND TO WORK WITH THE LEGISLATIVE STAFF TO WORK WITH AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO ADVISE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:18:16 Rep. McChesney

00:18:31 Sen. Olson

00:19:08 Rep. McChesney

00:19:15 Sen. Olson

00:19:30 Rep. McChesney

00:19:53 Mr. Laslovich

00:20:21 Sen. Olson

00:20:29 Mr. Laslovich

00:21:04 Rep. Edmunds

EXHIBIT(jgh39a04)

00:21:35 Mr. Laslovich

00:22:07 Rep. Beck

00:22:12 Ms. Steinbeck

00:22:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with Sen. Wanzenried voting no.

00:23:24 Rep. McChesney left

00:24:24 Rep. McChesney returned

Legislative Division:

00:24:41 Greg Dewitt, LFD

00:26:38 Quinn Holzer, LFD

00:27:16 Rep. Beck

00:27:33 Mr. Holzer

00:27:47 Sen. Buttrey

DP 206

00:27:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **DP 206 BE CHANGED TO ONE (1) TIME ONLY FUNDING AND BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:28:23 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **THEIR BE LANGUAGE IN HP 2 TO COORDINATE THE REPORTS TO EACH OTHER SO THAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN SEE THE PROGRESS AND BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:29:26 Ms. Holzer
 00:30:06 Sen. Olson
 00:30:26 Mr. Holzer

00:30:50 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried made a substitute motion that **EACH OF THE THREE (3) COMMITTEES THAT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER EACH OF THE AREAS IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES, REPORT TO EACH OTHER IN REGARDS TO THE PROGRESS ON DIFFERENT ISSUES AND BE ADOPTED.**

00:31:33 Rep. Beck
 00:32:06 Mr. DeWitt
 00:32:12 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:32:16 Mr. DeWitt
 00:33:03 Sen. Olson
 00:33:30 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:33:51 Rep. Beck
 00:34:21 Sen. Buttrey
 00:34:39 Sen. Wanzenried withdrew motion
 00:34:52 Rep. Beck
 00:36:21 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:36:39 Rep. Beck

Department of Revenue:

00:37:34 Mr. DeWitt
 00:41:28 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:41:45 Mr. DeWitt
 00:42:11 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:42:42 Dan Bucks, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:44:22 Break
 01:12:22 Rep. Beck
 01:12:49 Mr. DeWitt

DPs 95101, 95102, 95105, & 95107

01:13:09 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **DPs 95101, 95102, 95105, AND 95107 BE ADDED BACK INTO THE BUDGET AND BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:13:26 Sen Wanzenried
 01:13:51 Mr. Bucks
 01:17:17 Rep. Beck
 01:17:54 Sen. Buttrey
 01:18:05 Mr. DeWitt
 01:18:24 Mark Bruno, Governor's Office
 01:18:40 Sen Wanzenried

01:19:57 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Beck, Sen. Buttrey and Sen. Olson voting aye.

01:21:22 Sen. Olson
01:22:07 Rep. Beck
01:22:30 Sen. Buttrey

Department of Administration:

01:22:59 Mr. DeWitt

EXHIBIT(jgh39a05)

01:24:46 Rep. Beck

Department of Commerce:

01:25:18 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved **TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TRIBAL NATIONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE LEVEL OF \$50,000 PER TRIBE, TOTALING \$400,000, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR INDIAN COUNTRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO \$640,000 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:26:06 James Steele Jr., Salish Kootenai tribes

EXHIBIT(jgh39a06)

01:28:28 Sen. Wanzenried left.

01:28:49 Sen. Wanzenried returned.

01:29:51 Rep. Beck

01:30:24 Sen. Olson

01:30:45 Mr. Steele

01:31:06 Sen. Wanzenried

01:31:25 Sen. Buttrey

01:31:43 Sen. Wanzenried

01:32:03 Sen. Buttrey

01:32:30 Sen. Olson

01:33:37 Sen. Buttrey

01:34:09 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. McChesney made a substitute motion that **FUNDING BE RESTORED TO \$70,000 WITH THE ONE (1) FTE REQUESTED AND BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

01:34:30 Sen. Wanzenried left

01:35:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McChesney and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

01:36:13 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Edmunds made a substitute motion that **AMOUNT BE OK, BUT BE ONE (1) TIME ONLY AND HAVE LANGUAGE FOR WHEN THEY COME BACK AND BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

01:36:54 Rep. Beck

01:37:28 Rep. Edmunds

01:37:43 Rep. McChesney

01:38:41 Sen. Olson

01:39:57 Rep. Edmunds

01:40:55 Mr. Holzer

01:41:18 Rep. Edmunds withdrew motion

01:41:22 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Buttrey made a substitute motion **TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TRIBAL NATIONS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE LEVEL OF \$50,000 PER TRIBE, WITH ONE (1) FTE AS REQUESTED AND BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

01:41:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

01:42:19 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **HALF OF THE BUDGET IN DP 5114 BE MOVED TO DP 5103, MAIN STREET PROGRAM AS AN OTO AND BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:42:52 Sen. Olson

01:43:04 Mr. Holzer

01:43:25 Sen. Buttrey

01:43:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

Department of Administration:

01:44:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved **TO DECREASE THE FUNDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (TSEP) FROM THE CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST OF \$1,127,022 TO \$375,674, CONTINGENT UPON A LACK OF FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR A NEW GRANTS PROGRAM.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

01:45:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **THE MAIN STREET FUNDING BE ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THE ONE (1) FTE IN THE FUNDING AND BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

01:45:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved **TO REMOVE THE REMAINING FUNDING FROM THE ENERGY PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IN COMMERCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$450,000 AND BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

Department of Commerce:

01:46:46 Mr. Holzer

[EXHIBIT\(jgh39a07\)](#)

Discussion:

01:48:33 Rep. McChesney

01:49:22 Sen. Olson

01:49:28 Mr. Holzer

01:50:02 Rep. McChesney

01:50:16 Christine Hultin-Brus, Governor's Office

01:50:48 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved that **HB 2 APPROPRIATIONS BE MADE TO MATCH THE TWO (2) ESTIMATES AND BE ADOPTED.**

01:51:20 Rep. Beck

01:51:24 Sen. Olson

01:51:48 Rep. Beck

01:51:59 Mr. Holzer

01:52:38 Sen. Olson

01:52:55 Andy Poole, Department of Commerce (COM)

01:53:32 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson made a substitute motion that **HB 2 APPROPRIATIONS BE MADE TO MATCH THE TWO (2) ESTIMATES AND BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

01:54:08 Mr. Holzer

Governor's Office:

01:54:38 Mr. Holzer

01:55:40 Sen Olson

Public Comment:

01:56:48 Keith Kelly, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

01:59:12 Sen. Olson

01:59:24 Mr. Kelly

01:59:37 Ms. Hultin-Brus

Military Affairs:

02:00:10 Mr. Hulzer

[EXHIBIT\(jgh39a08\)](#)

02:03::27 Beck

02:04:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved that **CONSIDERATION OF ALL AGENCIES BE CLOSED AS COMPLETE AND BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:05:12

Cheryl Pesta, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh39aad.pdf](#))