

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on April 6, 2011 at 8:00 AM, 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. 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. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. John Esp (R)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jon Moe, Legislative Branch  
Sandra Sullivan, 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 81, 4/4/2011; SB 414, 4/4/2011; SB 424, 4/4/2011  
Executive Action Taken: SB 81

**HEARING ON SB 424****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:05 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 424, Implement transfer from Older Montanans trust fund to general fund.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:17 Claudia Clifford, Advice Director, American Association of Retired People of Montana (AARP)

00:08:23 Erin McGowan Fincham, Area Agencies on Aging

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:05 Rep. Beck

00:11:40 Sen. Williams

00:11:45 Rep. Beck

00:11:48 Sen. Williams

00:12:02 Rep. Beck

00:12:06 Sen. Williams

00:12:17 Rep. Schmidt

00:12:45 Sen. Williams

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:14:03 Sen. Williams

**HEARING ON SB 81****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:25 Sen. David Wanzonried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 81, Revise commercial drivers license provisions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:51 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**EXHIBIT(aph77a01)**

00:21:48 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana

00:22:28 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:30 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:26:06 Ms. Nordlund

00:26:26 Mr. Stang  
00:27:03 Rep. Hollandsworth  
00:27:53 Chairman McNutt  
00:28:12 Rep. Brodehl  
00:28:47 Ms. Nordlund  
00:29:29 Rep. Brodehl  
00:29:44 Ms. Nordlund  
00:30:00 Rep. Esp arrived.  
00:30:21 Rep. Schmidt  
00:30:44 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:31:28 Rep. McChesney  
00:31:59 Mr. Stang

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:48 Sen. Wanzenried

**HEARING ON SB 414**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:06 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 414, Provide for control of wolves.

**[EXHIBIT\(aph77a02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:39:45 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association and Western Montana Fish and Game Association  
00:44:54 Rory Copland, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife  
00:47:25 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
00:48:00 Rep. Cook left.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:53:15 Rep. Mike Phillips, HD 66

**[EXHIBIT\(aph77a03\)](#)**

00:59:52 Bob Lane, Attorney, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**[EXHIBIT\(aph77a04\)](#)**

01:11:00 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

**[EXHIBIT\(aph77a05\)](#)**

01:13:25 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:15 Rep. Brodehl  
01:15:26 Rep. Burnett arrived.  
01:15:40 Rep. Phillips  
01:16:00 Rep. Hollenbaugh left.  
01:16:17 Rep. Brodehl  
01:16:36 Rep. Phillips

01:16:47 Joe Maurier, Director, FWP  
01:17:42 Rep. Brodehl  
01:17:48 Mr. Maurier  
01:18:08 Rep. Edmunds  
01:18:45 Sen. Vincent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:31 Sen. Vincent  
  
01:31:10 Chairman McNutt

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81**

01:32:25 **Motion:** Rep. Esp moved that **SB 81 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:32:34 Rep. Hollandsworth  
01:33:18 Chairman McNutt  
01:33:26 Rep. Esp  
  
01:33:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 20-1 by voice vote with Rep. Brodehl voting no. Rep. Cook, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Osmundson and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy. Rep. Rosendale will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:35:02      Adjournment: 09:37:30 AM

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Sandra Sullivan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph77aad.pdf](#))**