

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on April 18, 2011 at 5:00 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. Rob Cook (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. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (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: SJ 26, 4/18/2011; SB 406, 4/13/2011  
Executive Action Taken: HB 13, SB 199, SB 292, SB 406, SJ 26

**HEARING ON SJ 26****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:12 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SJ 26, Study resolution for interim monitoring activities recommended by Joint Subcommittee.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:03 Sen. Lewis

**HEARING ON SB 406****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:04 Rep. Knudsen for Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 406, Central assessment mediation instead of dispute review or tax appeal board.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:12 Rep. Ankney, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. McChesney and Rep. Schmidt arrived.

00:06:41 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:06:59 Tom Ebzery, Qwest and Centrally Assessed Utilities in Coalstrip

00:07:35 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:07:51 Aimee Grmoljez, Verison Wireless

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:15 Allan Peura, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:09 Rep. Burnett

00:17:34 Rep. Knudsen

00:17:55 Rep. Osmundson arrived.

00:18:01 Rep. Burnett

00:18:22 Mr. Peura, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:19:06 Rep. Knudsen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 199**

00:22:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Esp moved that **SB 199 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Barrett will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 292**

00:24:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Esp moved that **SB 292 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 20-1 by voice vote with Rep. Belcourt voting no. Rep. Hoven will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 406**

00:25:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Esp moved that **SB 406 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 14-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Hiner, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Schmidt and Rep. Sesso voting no. Rep. Knudsen will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 26**

00:27:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Esp moved that **SJ 26 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion failed 9-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Beck, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Cook, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Ehli, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hiner, Rep. McNutt and Rep. Roberts voting aye.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 13**

Bill was heard on January 31<sup>st</sup> and amended on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

00:28:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hiner moved that **HB 13 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Burnett, Rep. Edmunds, Rep. Esp, Rep. Hollandsworth, Rep. Osmundson and Rep. Roberts voting no.

**[EXHIBIT\(aph86a01\)](#)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:31:36      Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

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Sandra Sullivan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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