

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 13, 2013 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Alan Olson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Christine Hultin, Office of Budget Planning and Programming (OBPP)  
Molly Miltenberger, Committee Secretary  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**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:**

Executive Action: Department of Military Affairs

Department of Military Affairs

00:32:45 Chair Osmundson  
**EXHIBIT(jgh32a01)**  
 00:33:15 Kris Wilkinson, LFD  
**EXHIBIT(jgh32a02)**  
 00:34:47 Christine Hultin, OBPP  
 00:35:00 Sen. Buttrey entered.  
 00:35:20 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
 00:38:12 Rep. Edmunds  
 00:38:32 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
 00:39:22 Sen. Wanzonried  
 00:39:44 Joe Foster, Administrator, Montana Veteran Affairs, Department of Military  
 Affairs (DMA)  
 00:40:59 Rep. Edmunds  
 00:41:18 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
 00:41:25 Chair Osmundson  
 00:41:38 Sen. Buttrey  
 00:42:13 Mr. Foster, DMA  
 00:42:29 Sen. Buttrey  
 00:42:42 Mr. Foster, DMA  
 00:43:16 Chair Osmundson  
 00:43:19 Sen. Buttrey  
 00:43:30 Mr. Foster, DMA  
 00:43:33 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
 00:43:57 Sen. Buttrey  
 00:44:07 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
 00:44:25 Sen. Buttrey  
 00:44:35 Mr. Foster, DMA  
 00:44:55 Rep. Edmunds  
 00:45:43 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
 00:45:50 Sen. Olson  
 00:46:09 Rep. Edmunds  
 00:46:19 Ms. Hultin, OBPP  
 00:46:53 Rep. Edmunds  
 00:47:21 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
 00:47:29 Mr. Foster, DMA  
 00:48:16 Rep. Edmunds  
 00:48:28 Mr. Foster, DMA  
 00:49:33 Chair Osmundson

Executive ActionCentralized Services Division

00:49:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 52 for Statewide Operations globally within the Department of Military Affairs to the extent adopted by the General Government and Natural Resources and Transportation Sub-Committees.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:50:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 53, Base Funding Switch, globally within the Department of Military Affairs.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:50:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 51, Adjustment for Statewide Personal Services, globally, within the Department of Military Affairs.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Challenge Program**

00:51:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Edmunds moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 00201, funding for Challenge 24/7, over-time, restricted.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:51:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 00202, federal funding authority for Challenge Training.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:51:36 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval to provide a restricted biennial appropriation of \$225,000, \$56,250 in general fund and \$168,750 in federal funds to the Challenge Program for personal services costs.**

### **Discussion**

00:52:02 Sen. Wanzenried

00:52:12 Sen. Buttrey

00:52:17 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

00:53:13 Sen. Buttrey

00:53:24 Sen. Wanzenried

00:53:28 Chair Osmundson

00:53:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:53:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval to eliminate vacancy savings in the Challenge Program in the 2015 biennium increasing general fund by \$23,817 and federal funds by \$71, 452 in Fiscal Year 2014 and increasing general fund by \$23,878 and federal funds by \$71,633 in Fiscal Year 2015.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:54:30 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved **approval that the joint Sub-Committee recommend that in the interim the Legislative Finance Committee monitor progress by the Challenge Program addressing recruitment and retention issues for staff through increased Personal Services funding.**

### **Discussion**

00:55:13 Rep. McCarthy

00:55:24 Sen. Olson

00:55:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:55:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 00401, funding for STARBASE Great Falls.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Army National Guard Program**

00:56:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Edmunds moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 01201, Army National Guard Mission Support.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:56:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Edmunds moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 01202 Army National Guard Operations and Maintenance.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Air National Guard Program**

00:56:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 01301, federal authority for Fire Fighter over-time.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:56:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 01302, federal authority for Fire Fighter training.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:57:12 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 01303, federal authority for natural gas.**

**Discussion**

00:57:21 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:57:39 Ms. Hultin, OBPP  
00:58:16 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:58:26 Gen. Brad Livingston, DMA

00:59:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:59:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 01306.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Veteran Affairs Program**

00:59:54 Chair Osmundson

01:00:05 **Motion:** Rep. Edmunds moved **approval to adopt Present Law Adjustment 3101, move cemetery positions and expenses to Statutory Appropriation as shown in Figure 1 as Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015 adjustments with the related reductions to full-time employees, personal services, and operating expenses and funding.**

**Discussion**

01:00:24 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:00:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion**

- 01:00:56 Rep. Edmunds  
01:01:06 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
- 01:01:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Edmunds moved **approval of Present Law Adjustment 03102, spending authority for patriotic plates.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 01:01:24 **Motion:** Rep. Edmunds moved **approval of a restricted biennial appropriation of \$360,000 general fund for the Veteran Affairs division to provide grants for outreach services to veterans in Montana including initial contact with veterans in communities, assistance with applications and claims, volunteer training, and equipment purchases for transporting disabled veterans to services, restricted.**

**Discussion**

- 01:02:12 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
01:02:17 Rep. McCarthy  
01:02:26 Rep. Edmunds  
01:02:38 Sen. Buttrey
- 01:02:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 01:03:09 **Motion:** Rep. Edmunds moved **approval to request a bill to implement provisions of HB 2 to increase the percentage of motor vehicle revenues deposited into the general fund each fiscal year and transfer to the state special revenue fund from .64% to .81%, with 24.55% to be deposited in the State Veterans' Cemetery Account and 75.45% deposited in the Veteran's Services Account. He further moved to increase support for the Veteran's Affairs Program from the Veteran's Services Account by \$150,419 in Fiscal Year 2014 and \$150,428 in Fiscal Year 2015 to be allocated to operational costs of the program.**

**Discussion**

- 01:03:53 Rep. Edmunds  
01:04:17 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:04:30 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
01:04:52 Sen. Wanzenried  
01:05:06 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
01:05:09 Sen. Wanzenried
- 01:05:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion**

- 01:05:30 Chair Osmundson  
01:05:51 Matthew Quinn, Adjutant General, DMA  
01:06:24 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
01:07:52 Ms. Hultin, OBPP  
01:08:30 Sen. Wanzenried

01:08:41 Kelly Lynch, Special Projects Counsel, Department of Commerce (COMM)

**EXHIBIT(jgh32a03)**

01:10:04 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:10:58 Sen. Olson

01:11:27 Sen. Buttrey

01:11:41 Ms. Hultin, OBPP

01:11:55 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:12:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved **approval to request a committee bill drafted to address the prioritization and the debt service.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion**

01:12:56 Ms. Hultin, OBPP

01:13:04 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:13:25 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **approval to replace general fund for the administrative costs of the Quality Schools with funding from School Facility and Technology Account in the state special revenue funds.**

**Discussion**

01:13:29 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:13:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion**

01:14:39 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:15:03 Sen. Olson

01:15:09 Chair Osmundson

01:15:13 Sen. Wanzenried

01:16:20 Rep. McCarthy

01:16:45 Sen. Wanzenried

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01:20:16 Sen. Wanzenried

01:20:20 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD

01:20:23 Sen. Wanzenried

01:20:27 Chair Osmundson

01:21:20 Rep. McCarthy

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:30:03

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Molly Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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