

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe, on February 21, 2013 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317C
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Christina Butler, Legislative Branch
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Shawn Graham, OBPP
Tia Hunter, Committee Secretary
Gerry Murphy, OBPP

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:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation DP 2320, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks DP 506, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation DP 35011, Motion to increase the highway special revenue restricted account by \$5,000,000, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks DP 512, Motion to close all departments in Section C and report out Aquatic Invasive Species Follow-up

00:07:00 Chairman Cuffe

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
CONSERVATION**

00:07:57 **Motion:** Rep. Ankney moved **DECISION PACKAGE 2320 - MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM WATER CENTER AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY, ONE-TIME-ONLY. APPROPRIATES \$400,000 FOR 2014 FOR APPROVED WATER SUPPLY PLANNING TOOLS AND OUTREACH. FUNDING FROM THE COAL SEVERANCE SHARED FUND.**

Discussion:

00:08:37 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:08:55 Christina Butler, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:09:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Rosendale voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

00:09:26 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **TO AMEND AND APPROVE OF DECISION PACKAGE 506 - WOLF PROGRAM, DECREASING WOLF LICENSE ACCOUNT FUNDING BY \$80,925 IN FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND \$90,441 IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 INCREASING THE FEDERAL FUNDING BY \$361,263 IN FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND \$278,316 IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND REMOVING ALL FULL-TIME-EMPLOYEES REQUESTED.**

Discussion:

00:10:22 Sen. Brenden

00:10:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden and Sen. Rosendale voting no. Sen. Rosendale voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
CONSERVATION**

00:11:33 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved **TO AMEND AND APPROVE DECISION PACKAGE 35011- FORESTRY DIVISION AND TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION, REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF THE JANITORIAL AND CONTRACTED SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,132 IN FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND \$56,796 IN FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND USING THESE FUNDS FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL FIRE ENGINES PURCHASES AND DEVELOPMENT, ONE-TIME-ONLY, RESTRICTED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Rosendale voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

00:12:47 **Motion:** Rep. Hollenbaugh moved **TO INCREASE THE HIGHWAY SPECIAL REVENUE RESTRICTED ACCOUNT BY \$5,000,000 TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION SPENDING THROUGHOUT THE BIENNIUM.**
EXHIBIT(jnh39a01)

Discussion:

00:14:14 Sen. Keane
00:14:35 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:15:01 Catherine Duncan, LFD
00:15:55 Sen. Brenden
00:17:14 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:18:18 Sen. Brenden
00:18:51 Sen. Keane
00:19:44 Sen. Brenden
00:20:12 Chairman Cuffe
00:20:29 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:21:07 Chairman Cuffe
00:21:11 Ms. Duncan, LFD
00:21:31 Sen. Keane

00:21:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Rosendale voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

00:22:13 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved **APPROVAL OF DECISION PACKAGE 512 - BLOCK MANAGEMENT FUNDING, TO FUND HUNTING ACCESS BLOCK MANAGEMENT AT THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES BASED ON THE JANUARY 2013 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. LAND CONTRACTS AT 75%, LANDOWNER HUNTER SERVICES AT 17.5%, ADMINISTRATION OVERHEAD AT 7.5%.**

Discussion:

00:22:59 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:23:07 Sen. Brenden
00:25:28 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:25:40 Sen. Brenden
00:26:05 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:26:29 Sen. Brenden
00:27:22 Chairman Cuffe
00:27:32 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
00:27:50 Rep. Ankney left.
00:28:21 Chairman Cuffe

00:28:34 Recessed
00:38:40 Reconvened

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- 00:39:12 Sen. Brenden
- 00:40:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ankney and Sen. Rosendale voted by proxy.
- 00:40:27 **Motion:** Rep. Hollenbaugh moved **TO CLOSE ALL DEPARTMENTS IN SECTION C AND REPORT OUT.**
- 00:40:42 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:41:03 Chairman Cuffe
00:41:21 Rep. Hollenbaugh
- 00:41:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Ankney and Sen. Rosendale voted by proxy.

Aquatic Invasive Species Follow-up

- 00:44:50 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:45:00 Hope Stockwell, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- EXHIBIT(jnh39a02)**
- 00:45:27 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:45:55 Rep. Hollenbaugh
- 00:46:34 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:46:41 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
- 00:46:44 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:46:46 Rep. Hollenbaugh
- 00:46:56 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:47:21 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
- 00:48:11 Sen. Brenden
- 00:48:54 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
- 00:49:08 Sen. Keane
- 00:49:28 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:50:31 Sen. Brenden
- 00:50:56 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
- 00:51:00 Sen. Brenden
- 00:51:38 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
- 00:52:47 Sen. Brenden
- 00:53:51 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:54:17 Sen. Keane
- 00:54:52 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
- 00:56:14 Sen. Keane
- 00:56:46 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:57:31 Sen. Keane
- 00:57:46 Chairman Cuffe
- 00:57:56 Cort Jensen, Attorney, Department of Agriculture (AGR)
- 00:59:06 Chairman Cuffe

Orphan Share Information

01:01:30 Sen. Brenden left.
01:01:40 Ms. Butler, LFD
EXHIBIT(jnh39a03)
01:04:11 Tom Livers, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
01:04:53 Chairman Cuffe
01:05:13 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:06:48 Chairman Cuffe
01:06:51 Sen. Rosendale returned.
01:07:09 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:12:45 Sen. Keane
01:13:01 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:13:29 Chairman Cuffe
01:13:59 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:14:03 Chairman Cuffe
01:14:09 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:14:31 Chairman Cuffe
01:15:03 Rep. Whitford
01:15:11 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:15:39 Rep. Whitford
01:15:42 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:15:49 Sen. Keane
01:15:54 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:16:08 Sen. Keane
01:16:14 Ms. Butler, LFD
01:16:43 Chairman Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:17:10

Tia Hunter, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jnh39aad.pdf](#))