

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 12, 2015 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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: HB 6, 3/9/2015; HB 11, 3/9/2015; HB 7, 3/9/2015; HB 8, 3/9/2015

00:00:01 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 6, Provide for renewable resource grants.

EXHIBIT(aph51a01)

00:03:44 Rep. Tropila arrived.
00:10:13 Rep. Noonan arrived.
00:13:52 Chair Ballance

00:14:54 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(aph51a02)

00:18:10 Chair Ballance
00:18:20 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:18:25 Chair Ballance
00:18:33 Rep. Ellis
00:18:52 Chair Ballance
00:19:16 Rep. Ellis
00:19:45 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:19:50 Rep. Ellis
00:20:17 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:20:38 Rep. Ellis
00:20:47 Chair Ballance
00:21:19 Rep. Cuffe
00:21:58 Rep. Ellis
00:22:15 Rep. Cuffe
00:22:32 Rep. Tropila
00:23:28 Chair Ballance
00:24:03 Rep. Noonan
00:24:38 Chair Ballance
00:24:55 Rep. Noonan
00:25:06 Chair Ballance
00:25:17 Rep. Ellis
00:25:34 Chair Ballance
00:25:53 Rep. Noonan
00:26:05 Chair Ballance
00:26:46 Rep. Ellis
00:27:21 Rep. Cuffe
00:27:32 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:28:12 Rep. Ellis
00:28:19 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:28:30 Chair Ballance
00:28:43 Rep. Tropila
00:29:26 Chair Ballance
00:29:33 Rep. Tropila

00:29:39 Chair Ballance
00:30:45 Rep. Cuffe
00:31:43 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:52 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:32:13 Rep. Dudik arrived.
00:33:56 Elena Evans, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
00:34:44 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County
00:35:22 Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:56 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:37:18 Chair Ballance
00:37:43 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP

EXHIBIT(aph51a03)

00:38:14 Chair Ballance
00:38:20 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
00:38:24 Chair Ballance
00:38:26 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
00:39:06 Chair Ballance
00:39:15 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
00:43:01 Chair Ballance
00:43:07 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:33 Chair Ballance
00:43:45 Rep. Ellis
00:44:31 Harold Blattie, MACo
00:44:52 Rep. Ellis
00:45:16 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County
00:45:19 Rep. Ellis
00:45:27 Chair Ballance
00:45:32 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County
00:45:40 Rep. Noonan
00:46:09 Chair Ballance
00:46:36 Rep. Cuffe
00:47:23 Rep. Noonan
00:47:47 Rep. Cuffe
00:48:34 Rep. Glimm
00:48:53 Rep. Cuffe
00:48:56 Rep. Glimm
00:49:01 Rep. Cuffe
00:49:25 Rep. Tropila
00:50:44 Harold Blattie, MACo

00:52:09 Rep. Tropila
00:53:00 Cathy Duncan, LFD
00:53:34 Rep. Tropila
00:53:45 Rep. Ellis
00:54:14 Rep. Cuffe
00:54:25 Rep. Ellis
00:54:31 Rep. Cuffe
00:56:19 Rep. Ellis
00:57:10 Elena Evans, MACD
00:57:52 Rep. Ellis
00:58:27 Elena Evans, MACD
00:58:55 Rep. Peppers
00:59:29 Rep. Cuffe
00:59:58 Rep. Noonan
01:00:19 Rep. Cuffe
01:00:39 Rep. Noonan
01:00:56 Rep. Cuffe
01:01:43 Rep. Noonan
01:02:23 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:03:13 Rep. Dudik
01:03:18 Rep. Cuffe
01:03:56 Rep. Dudik
01:04:02 Rep. Cuffe
01:04:18 Rep. Dudik
01:04:39 Rep. Cuffe
01:04:52 Chair Ballance
01:05:34 Rep. Dudik
01:06:00 Rep. Cuffe
01:06:04 Rep. Dudik
01:06:16 Rep. Cuffe
01:06:54 Rep. Glimm
01:08:26 Chair Ballance
01:08:37 Rep. Noonan
01:09:06 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:10:09 Rep. Tropila
01:10:53 Rep. Glimm
01:12:04 Chair Ballance
01:12:09 Rep. Tropila
01:13:00 Rep. Cuffe
01:14:08 Rep. Tropila
01:14:15 Rep. Cuffe
01:14:34 Rep. Tropila
01:15:14 Rep. Cuffe
01:15:18 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:16:10 Rep. Tropila
01:16:16 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:17:02 Rep. Tropila
01:17:28 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:18:06 Chair Ballance
01:18:11 Rep. Ellis

01:18:35 Chair Ballance
01:18:40 Rep. Ellis
01:19:23 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:20:50 Rep. Ellis
01:20:55 Cathy Duncan, LFD
01:21:03 Rep. Glimm
01:21:49 Rep. Ellis
01:22:28 Rep. Glimm
01:23:12 Rep. Ellis
01:23:26 Rep. Chair Ballance
01:23:53 Rep. Ellis
01:24:16 Jani McCall, YBGR
01:24:38 Rep. Ellis
01:24:50 Jani McCall, YBGR
01:25:37 Rep. Noonan
01:26:08 Rep. Cuffe
01:26:48 Rep. Noonan
01:26:58 Rep. Cuffe
01:27:43 Rep. Tropila
01:28:00 Chair Ballance
01:28:28 Rep. Tropila
01:29:23 Rep. Cuffe
01:30:34 Rep. Tropila
01:31:14 Rep. Chair Ballance
01:32:03 Rep. Tropila
01:33:02 Rep. Glimm
01:34:02 Chair Ballance
01:34:30 Rep. Tropila
01:35:20 Rep. Cuffe
01:35:46 Chair Ballance
01:36:33 Christine Hultin-Brus, Budget Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
01:38:09 Chair Ballance
01:38:55 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
01:39:28 Rep. Ehli arrived.
01:40:06 Chair Ballance
01:40:27 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
01:40:29 Chair Ballance
01:40:46 Rep. Ellis
01:40:54 Chair Ballance
01:41:20 Rep. Dudik
01:41:49 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:42:03 Chair Ballance
01:42:28 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:42:51 Chair Ballance
01:43:21 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:44:38 Chair Ballance
01:45:52 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
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01:48:08 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP

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01:50:11 Chair Ballance
01:50:16 Rep. Dudik
01:50:51 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:51:54 Rep. Jones
01:52:25 Chair Ballance
01:52:39 Rep. Ellis
01:53:36 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:53:56 Chair Ballance
01:54:17 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
01:55:00 Chair Ballance
01:55:20 Rep. Ellis
01:56:03 Chair Ballance
01:57:39 Rep. Ellis
01:57:52 Chair Ballance
01:58:13 Rep. Ellis
01:59:12 Chair Ballance
01:59:22 Cathy Duncan, LFD
02:00:44 Chair Ballance
02:02:06 Rep. Ellis
02:02:22 Chair Ballance
02:02:56 Rep. Ellis
02:03:21 Cathy Duncan, LFD
02:03:32 Chair Ballance
02:03:37 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
02:04:30 Chair Ballance
02:04:48 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
02:04:56 Chair Ballance
02:04:59 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
02:05:22 Chair Ballance
02:05:47 Rep. Cuffe
02:07:57 Chair Ballance
02:08:10 Cathy Duncan, LFD
02:09:48 Rep. Noonan
02:09:59 Chair Ballance
02:10:22 Rep. Ellis
02:11:06 Chair Ballance
02:11:40 Rep. Holmlund
02:12:16 Rep. Cuffe
02:13:02 Rep. Holmlund
02:13:22 Rep. Cuffe
02:13:58 Rep. Holmlund
02:14:41 Rep. Dudik
02:14:48 Rep. Cuffe
02:15:11 Chair Ballance
02:15:16 Rep. Noonan
02:15:30 Rep. Tropila
02:18:08 Chair Ballance
02:18:47 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

02:20:56 Chair Ballance
02:21:19 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
02:21:28 Rep. Ellis
02:21:44 Chair Ballance
02:21:56 Rep. Ellis
02:22:37 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
02:23:10 Rep. Dudik
02:23:33 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
02:25:23 Rep. Dudik
02:25:54 Dan Villa, Budget Director, OBPP
02:27:08 Chair Ballance
02:28:19 Rep. Woods
02:29:29 Chair Ballance
02:29:53 Rep. Woods
02:30:02 Chair Ballance
02:30:08 Rep. Cuffe
02:30:21 Chair Ballance
02:31:11 Harold Blattie, MACo
02:31:13 Chair Ballance
02:31:44 Harold Blattie, MACo
02:32:15 Chair Ballance
02:32:22 Harold Blattie, MACo
02:32:47 Rep. Peppers
02:34:04 Harold Blattie, MACo
02:34:44 Rep. Dudik
02:35:41 Rep. Cuffe
02:36:08 Chair Ballance
02:36:27 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
02:36:39 Chair Ballance
02:36:49 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
02:37:03 Chair Ballance
02:37:08 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:36 Rep. Cuffe

02:39:52 Chair Ballance
02:40:18 Rep. Dudik
02:40:41 Chair Ballance
02:40:59 Rep. Woods
02:41:11 Chair Ballance
02:41:27 Rep. Cuffe
02:41:43 Chair Ballance

02:41:59 Recessed
03:05:36 Reconvened. Rep. Osmundson, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Burnett were not present.

HEARING ON HB 11**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:05:50 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 11, Revise treasure state endowment program laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:14:52 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:17:57 Rep. Ellis
03:18:33 Rep. Cuffe
03:19:20 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
03:20:22 Rep. Ellis
03:21:21 Christine Hultin-Brus, Budget Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
03:21:41 Rep. Ellis
03:22:20 Christine Hultin-Brus OBPP
03:22:49 Chair Ballance
03:23:03 Rep. Ellis
03:24:09 Chair Ballance
03:24:14 Christine Hultin-Brus OBPP

EXHIBIT(aph51a04)

03:24:36 Chair Ballance
03:24:59 Rep. Tropila
03:26:20 Chair Ballance
03:26:31 Rep. Tropila
03:26:59 Rep. Cuffe
03:27:39 Rep. Tropila
03:28:22 Rep. Cuffe
03:28:41 Chair Ballance
03:29:26 Christine Hultin-Brus OBPP
03:30:17 Rep. Dudik
03:30:36 Rep. Cuffe
03:31:50 Rep. Dudik
03:32:33 Rep. Cuffe
03:32:47 Christine Hultin-Brus OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

03:33:16 Rep. Cuffe

03:35:08 Chair Ballance

03:37:22 Recessed

Audio committee minutes for the afternoon session continue on a separate link.

00:00:01 Reconvened. Audio committee minutes continue on separate link for PM meeting. Rep. Osmundson was not present.

00:00:02 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:41 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 7, Provide for reclamation and development grants.

[EXHIBIT\(aph51a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:56 Rep. Ellis

00:07:29 Rep. Cuffe

00:07:51 Chair Ballance

00:07:56 Rep. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:11 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:53 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 8, Provide for renewable resource bonds and loans.

Proponents' Testimony: None

00:12:48 Jani McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:34 Chair Ballance

00:13:51 Jani McCall, YBGR

00:14:09 Rep. Ellis

00:14:37 Rep. Cuffe
00:15:17 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:15:32 Chair Ballance
00:15:43 Christine Hultin-Brus, Budget Analyst, Office of Budget and Program Planning
(OBPP)
00:16:13 Chair Ballance
00:16:23 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:16:36 Chair Ballance
00:16:42 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:17:22 Chair Ballance
00:17:36 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:17:47 Rep. Cuffe
00:18:17 Rep. Holmlund
00:18:55 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:19:18 Rep. Cuffe
00:19:45 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:20:18 Rep. Holmlund
00:20:44 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:20:53 Chair Ballance
00:21:13 Rep. Holmlund
00:21:20 Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
00:21:33 Rep. Holmlund
00:21:38 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:04 Rep. Cuffe

00:22:51 Chair Ballance
00:23:47 Rep. Dudik
00:23:56 Chair Ballance
00:24:07 Rep. Dudik
00:24:08 Chair Ballance
00:24:39 Rep. Dudik
00:24:47 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

00:26:21 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph51aad.pdf](#))