

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 8, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
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: SB 57, 4/2/2015; SB 68, 4/2/2015; SB 93, 4/2/2015; SB 128, 4/2/2015; SB 376, 4/2/2015; SB 37, 4/2/2015; SB 145, 4/2/2015; SB 261, 4/2/2015; SB 276, 4/2/2015; SB 367, 4/2/2015

00:00:01 Chair Ballance
00:01:28 Rep. McCarthy arrived.

HEARING ON SB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:32 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 57, Revise water adjudication funding and benchmarks.

EXHIBIT(aph70a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:18 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court (SC)
00:04:30 Tim Davis, Administrator, Water Resources Division (DNRC)
00:05:04 Krista Lee Evans, Water Rights Coalition (WRC)
00:05:30 Rep. Tropila arrived
00:06:09 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:06:40 Mark Aagenes, Conservation Director, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
00:06:59 Chelsea Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:07:24 Rep. Glimm arrived.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:04 Rep. Ellis
00:08:25 Sen. Vincent
00:08:33 Chair Ballance
00:09:02 Sen. Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:40 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:04 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 68, Extend termination date for crime victims compensation account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:56 Mike Milburn, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:13:12 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:39 Rep. Dudik
00:15:13 Mike Milburn, DOJ
00:15:57 Rep. Tschida
00:16:23 Mike Milburn, DOJ
00:16:33 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:16:52 Sen. Caferro
00:16:56 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:17:22 Sen. Caferro
00:18:31 Rep. McCarthy
00:19:03 Rep. Caferro
00:20:10 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:20:42 Mike Milburn, DOJ
00:21:06 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:21:43 Rep. Brodehl
00:22:08 Mike Milburn, DOJ
00:22:17 Chair Ballance
00:22:45 Sen. Caferro
00:22:57 Chair Ballance
00:23:15 Sen. Caferro
00:23:17 Chair Ballance
00:23:25 Sen. Caferro
00:23:42 Chair Ballance
00:23:47 Sen. Caferro
00:23:52 Chair Ballance
00:23:56 Rep. Ellis
00:24:16 Chair Ballance
00:24:29 Rep. Ellis
00:24:33 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:44 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 93**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:59 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 93, Revise laws related to DUI convictions and restricted-use driving permit.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:16 Rep. McCarthy
00:32:47 Sen. Connell
00:33:44 Rep. McCarthy

00:34:05 Chair Ballance
00:34:21 Rep. McCarthy
00:34:33 Chair Ballance
00:35:02 Rep. Dudik
00:35:36 Sen. Connell
00:39:30 Chair Ballance
00:39:40 Rep. Ellis
00:40:05 Sen. Connell

Closing by Sponsor: None

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:30 Sen. Kris Hansen (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 128, Establish decennial school funding study.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:03 Steve York, Program Specialist, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:44:57 Marco Ferro, Director, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:23 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:45:41 Sen. Hansen
00:46:27 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:46:47 Sen. Hansen
00:46:50 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:47:04 Sen. Hansen
00:47:07 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:47:10 Chair Ballance
00:47:40 Sen. Hansen
00:47:46 Rep. McCarthy
00:48:01 Sen. Hansen
00:48:41 Chair Ballance
00:48:45 Sen. Hansen
00:48:48 Rep. McCarthy
00:49:01 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:49:18 Rep. McCarthy
00:49:22 Sen. Hansen

EXHIBIT(aph70a02)

00:50:03 Rep. McCarthy
00:50:13 Sen. Hansen
00:50:23 Chair Ballance

00:50:29 Rep. Cuffe
00:50:53 Sen. Hansen
00:51:23 Rep. Cuffe
00:51:25 Sen. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:54 Sen. Hansen

00:52:10 Chair Ballance

00:52:46 Recessed

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

00:00:01 Reconvened. Rep. Noonan, Chair Ballance, Rep. Jones were not present.
00:00:04 Rep. Osmundson assumed chairmanship.

HEARING ON SB 376

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:34 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 376, Revise laws regarding state agency use of recovered indirect costs.

[EXHIBIT\(aph70a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:37 Rep. Tropila
00:07:24 Sen. Brenden

00:07:49 Rep. Ballance resumed chairmanship.

00:08:14 Rep. Tropila
00:08:54 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:09:42 Rep. Woods
00:10:01 Chair Ballance
00:10:32 Rep. Brodehl
00:10:48 Chair Ballance
00:10:52 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:11:44 Chair Ballance
00:12:22 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
00:12:34 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:02 Sen. Brenden

HEARING ON SB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:54 Sen. Janna Taylor (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 367, Clarify general fund transfers to research and commercialization account.

EXHIBIT(aph70a04)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:29 Ryan Evans, Assistant Budget Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:50 Rep. McCarthy
00:19:33 Sen. Taylor
00:20:36 Rep. Ellis
00:21:38 Ryan Evans, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:06 Sen. Taylor

HEARING ON SB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:08 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 37, Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims.

00:27:43 Chair Ballance

00:27:58 Sen. Fielder

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:30 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Rights Association (MWRA)
00:29:12 Jay Bodner, Natural Resource Director, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:29:42 Chelsea Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:30:29 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFT)
00:30:45 Holly Franz, Water Adjudication Advisory Committee (WAAC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:31:31 Tim Davis, Administrator, Water Resources Division (WRD), Montana
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:49 Rep. Ellis
00:32:14 Sen. Fielder
00:32:58 Chair Ballance
00:33:04 Rep. Ellis
00:33:29 Sen. Fielder
00:33:51 Chair Ballance
00:34:12 Rep. Tropila
00:34:33 Tim Davis, WRD, DNRC
00:34:48 Rep. Tropila
00:35:00 Tim Davis, WRD, DNRC
00:35:15 Chair Ballance
00:35:36 Tim Davis, WRD, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:57 Sen. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 145**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:55 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 145, Revise
allocation of oil and gas revenue for oil and natural gas impact projects.

00:37:31 Chair Ballance

00:37:46 Sen. Hamlett

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:42 Doug Mitchell, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

Informational Testimony:

00:46:00 Nick Brown, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:19 Rep. McCarthy
00:47:11 Nick Brown, LFD
00:47:33 Rep. McCarthy
00:47:50 Nick Brown, LFD
00:47:53 Rep. McCarthy
00:48:05 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:48:18 Nick Brown, LFD
00:48:59 Chair Ballance
00:49:30 Nick Brown, LFD

00:50:22 Chair Ballance
00:50:37 Nick Brown, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:50 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 261

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:55:06 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 261, Montana sage grouse stewardship act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:06 Ali Bovingdon, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office (GO)
00:59:40 John Tubbs, Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(aph70a05)

01:01:52 Todd Devlin, Vice President, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:55 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 276

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:26 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 276, Establish directory of medicaid personal care services in Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:03 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)
01:13:25 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:14:22 Jacquie Helt, State Director, SEIU Healthcare

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:28 Rep. Tropila
01:15:51 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare
01:16:43 Rep. Tropila

01:16:49 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare
01:17:33 Rep. Brodehl
01:18:13 Sen. Webb

01:18:35 Rep. Brodehl assumed chairmanship.

01:20:09 Chair Brodehl
01:20:45 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare
01:21:15 Rep. Tropila
01:21:37 Sen. Webb
01:21:49 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:22:26 Sen. Webb
01:22:39 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:23:12 Sen. Webb
01:23:54 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:24:16 Sen. Webb
01:24:45 Rep. Peppers
01:24:59 Sen. Webb
01:25:12 Rep. Peppers
01:25:20 Sen. Webb
01:25:30 Rep. Ehli
01:26:18 Sen. Webb
01:26:46 Chair Brodehl
01:27:07 Sen. Brodehl

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:51 Sen. Webb

01:27:55 Chair Brodehl

ADJOURNMENT

01:28:58 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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