

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm, on February 11, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jessica Riffel, 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: HB 34, 2/6/2019; HB 204, 2/6/2019; HB 226, 2/6/2019
Executive Action: HB 34, HB 186, HB 226

HEARING ON HB 34**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:16 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 34, Create a statutory appropriation for Good Neighbor Authority agreement income.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:10 Sonya Germann, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a02\)](#)

15:04:11 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting.
15:07:42 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)
15:08:16 Rep. Bedey joined the meeting.
15:09:11 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
15:09:39 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:10:00 Rep. Burnett joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:34 Rep. Mercer
15:11:09 Sonya Germann, DNRC
15:11:38 Rep. Hamlett
15:11:56 Sonya Germann, DNRC
15:12:34 Rep. Regier
15:13:30 Sonya German, DNRC
15:13:50 Rep. Read
15:14:59 Julia Altemus, MWPA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:22 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 204**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:16:19 Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 204, Generally revise teachers' retirement system laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:17:57 Shawn Graham, Montana Teachers Retirement System (TRS)
[EXHIBIT\(aph28a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:26:14 Dennis Parman, Montana Public Education Center (MT-PEC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:27:59 Rep. Woods
15:28:27 Shawn Graham, TRS
15:28:41 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.
15:28:53 Chair Ballance
15:32:11 Shawn Graham, TRS
15:32:42 Rep. Hamilton
15:34:04 Shawn Graham, TRS
15:34:50 Rep. Windy Boy
15:35:47 Shawn Graham, TRS
15:36:51 Rep. Burnett
15:38:10 Shawn Graham, TRS

Closing by Sponsor:

15:39:02 Rep. Ryan

HEARING ON HB 226**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:43 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 226, Exempt certain shooting ranges from property taxation.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:41:09 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

[EXHIBIT\(aph28a04\)](#)

15:48:07 Michael Chandler, Self

15:49:59 Randy Stemple, Western Montana Fish and Game Association (WMFG)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:51:50 Garret Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRA)

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

15:52:36 Rep. Hopkins
15:53:11 Rep. Tschida
15:53:47 Chair Ballance
15:54:36 Rep. Tschida
15:54:58 Chair Ballance
15:55:35 Gary Marbut, MSSA
15:56:23 Chair Ballance
15:57:01 Rep. Tschida
15:57:26 Rep. Woods
15:58:37 Rep. Tschida
15:59:05 Rep. Hamilton
16:01:18 Rep. Tschida
16:02:41 Rep. Peppers
16:03:47 Rep. Tschida
16:04:07 Rep. Dudik joined the meeting.

16:04:13 Rep. Bedey
16:04:37 Rep. Tschida
16:04:58 Gary Marbut, MSSA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:05:47 Rep. Tschida

16:07:44 Without objection, Chair Ballance moved to pass consideration on HB 204 for the day.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34

16:08:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 34 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro and Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 186

16:09:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 186 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro and Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226

16:10:43 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 226 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:10:54 Chair Ballance

16:12:05 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 226 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED ON PAGE 1, LINE 30 THAT 5 YEARS BE CHANGED TO 3 YEARS**.

Discussion:

16:12:48 Rep. Hopkins
16:13:07 Rep. Windy Boy
16:13:31 Rep. Lynch

16:13:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-19 by roll call vote with Rep. Glimm, Rep. Hopkins and Rep. Read voting aye. Rep. Caferro and Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

Discussion:

16:15:14 Rep. Lynch

16:15:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Caferro and Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:16:58

Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph28aad.pdf](#))