

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm, on February 25, 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. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
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. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk
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 298, 2/21/2019; HB 378, 2/21/2019; HB 593, 2/21/2019
Executive Action: HB 298, HB 378, HB 593

15:26:30 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:26:41 Rep. Christopher Pope (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 298, Revise funding for students with disabilities.

[EXHIBIT\(aph40a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph40a02\)](#)

15:27:39 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:31:34 Marco Ferro, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:32:06 Jackie Jones, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:33:00 Frank Podobnik, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

15:33:23 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:53 Rep. Pope

HEARING ON HB 378

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:35:06 Rep. Peggy Webb (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 378, Require workfare participation for SNAP recipients.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:38:19 Glenn Oppel, Opportunity Solutions Project (OSP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph40a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph40a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:41:01 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

15:43:48 Bruce Day, Helena Food Share, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN), Montana Association of Christians

[EXHIBIT\(aph40a05\)](#)

15:46:38 Amanda Cahill, Self

15:48:45 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

15:49:53 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

15:50:33 Rep. Hamlett joined the meeting

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:50:55 Rep. P. Webb

HEARING ON HB 593

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:52:12 Rep. Mark Sweeney (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 593, Generally revise wage laws for public defenders.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:54:49 Brian Smith, Self

[EXHIBIT\(aph40a06\)](#)

16:01:20 Lisa Kauffman, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:06:53 Tom Livers, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

16:07:15 Rep. Bedey joined the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

16:08:00 John Mudd, State Bar of Montana (SBM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:08:43 Rep. Mercer

16:12:12 Brian Smith, Self

16:12:42 Rep. E. Moore

16:14:36 Brian Smith, Self

16:16:44 Rep. Woods

16:18:44 Lisa Kauffman, Self

16:19:41 Rep. Hamlett

16:20:20 John Mudd, SBM

16:23:04 Rep. Keane

16:23:46 Brian Smith, Self

16:25:08 Rep. Keane

16:25:16 Brian Smith, Self

16:25:25 Rep. Mercer

16:27:12 Rhonda Schaefer, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

16:27:18 Rep. Mercer

16:27:29 Chair Ballance

16:27:56 Rhonda Scharfer, OPD

Closing by Sponsor:

16:28:22 Rep. Sweeney

16:29:36 Recessed

16:59:53 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 298

17:00:06 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 298 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:00:24 Rep. Woods
17:00:54 Chair Ballance
17:02:32 Vice Chair Jones

17:03:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Burnett, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

17:04:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 298 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Burnett, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 378

17:05:31 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 378 DO PASS.**

17:05:38 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins made a substitute motion that **HB 378 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 20-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Glimm and Rep. Read voting no. Rep. Burnett, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 593

17:06:48 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 593 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:07:02 Rhonda Schaefer, OPD
[EXHIBIT\(aph40a07\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(aph40a08\)](#)

17:09:02 Rep. Regier
17:09:53 Vice Chair Jones
17:11:14 Rep. Mercer

17:11:56 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Regier made a substitute motion that **HB 593 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Burnett, Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy were excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:12:45

Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph40aad.pdf](#))