

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 8, 2019 at 8:00 AM, 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. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (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. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jessica Riffel, Committee Clerk
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2: Sections C, D and A, 3/1/2019

Section C- Natural Resources and Transportation**Opening Statement:**

08:07:44 Rep. Holmlund

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks:

08:09:49 Rep. Holmlund

08:12:40 Martha Williams, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

08:14:05 Chair Ballance

Public Comment:

08:14:31 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

08:15:14 Rep. Woods

08:15:30 Rep. Holmlund

08:16:51 Vice Chair Jones

08:17:26 Rep. Holmlund

08:17:32 Chair Ballance

08:19:31 Martha Williams, FWP

08:19:46 Rep. Hamlett

08:20:06 Director Williams, FWP

Department of Environmental Quality:

08:20:44 Rep. Holmlund

08:22:46 Rep. Burnett joined the meeting.

08:23:58 Shaun McGrath, Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Public Comment: None**Questions from the Committee and Responses:**

08:27:45 Rep. Hamilton

08:28:08 Rep. Holmlund

08:28:40 Rep. Hamilton

08:28:58 Rob Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:30:32 Rep. Hamilton

08:30:43 Chair Ballance

08:30:54 Rob Miller, LFD

08:31:27 Chair Ballance

08:32:20 Director McGrath, DEQ

08:32:31 Chair Ballance

08:33:09 Rep. Holmlund

08:33:26 Rep. Dudik

08:34:15 Chair Ballance

08:34:31 Rep. Bedey

08:35:07 Rob Miller, LFD

08:35:54 Director McGrath, DEQ

08:36:54 Rep. Hamlett

08:37:30 Director McGrath, DEQ

08:37:37 Rep. Hamlett

08:38:16 Rep. Holmlund

Department of Transportation:

08:38:34 Rep. Holmlund

08:41:00 Mike Tooley, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Public Comments: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

08:42:16 Rep. E. Moore

08:42:31 Rob Miller, LFD

08:42:48 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:43:48 Rep. E. Moore

08:44:04 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:44:16 Chair Ballance

08:44:28 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:44:51 Vice Chair Jones

08:45:01 Rep. Holmlund

08:45:36 Chair Ballance

08:46:05 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:46:23 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (DOT)

08:48:12 Chair Ballance

08:49:10 Larry Flynn, DOT

08:49:41 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.

08:49:43 Rep. Woods

08:51:54 Director Tooley, DOT

08:52:18 Rep. Dudik

08:53:00 Director Tooley, DOT

08:53:42 Rep. Hamlett

08:55:16 Director Tooley, DOT

08:55:32 Rep. Holmlund

Department of Livestock:

08:56:05 Rep. Holmlund

08:58:43 Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

09:07:14 Rep. E. Moore

09:11:35 Executive Officer Honeycutt, DOL

09:13:38 Rep. Woods

09:13:53 Executive Officer Honeycutt, DOL

09:14:54 Rep. Woods

09:15:07 Chair Ballance

09:17:25 Executive Officer Honeycutt, DOL

09:18:34 Rep. Hamlett

09:19:51 Executive Officer Honeycutt, DOL

09:21:37 Chair Ballance

09:21:58 Executive Officer Honeycutt, DOL

09:23:53 Rep. Peppers
09:24:10 Executive Officer Honeycutt, DOL

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation:

09:24:29 Rep. Holmlund
09:29:25 John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
(DNRC)

Public Comment:

09:36:54 Dan McGowan, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
EXHIBIT(aph47a01)

09:38:36 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control Association
09:39:29 Glenn Oppel, Central Montana Regional Water Authority
EXHIBIT(aph47a02)

09:40:58 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)
09:42:25 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone River Conservation Districts Council
09:43:49 Rachel Frost, Missouri River Conservation Districts Council
09:44:37 Jeff Ryan, Lewis and Clark Conservation District
09:45:31 Greg Mohr, Dry Red Water Rural Water Authority
09:46:14 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority, Senior Water Rights
Coalition
09:47:07 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
09:48:27 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

09:49:38 Rep. Regier
09:49:57 Director Tubbs, DNRC
EXHIBIT(aph47a03)

09:52:49 Chair Ballance
09:53:14 Director Tubbs, DNRC
09:53:40 Rep. Hamlett
09:58:39 Director Tubbs, DNRC
10:00:16 Rep. Keane
10:00:57 Director Tubbs, DNRC
10:01:09 Chair Ballance
10:01:40 Director Tubbs, DNRC
10:03:31 Rep. Mercer
10:04:06 Director Tubbs, DNRC
10:05:24 Rep. Bedey
10:05:43 Director Tubbs, DNRC
10:07:43 Chair Ballance
10:07:56 Director Tubbs, DNRC

Department of Agriculture:

10:08:45 Rep. Holmlund
10:10:46 Ben Thomas, Director, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses: None

Closing of Section C:

10:11:56 Rep. Holmlund

10:12:49 Recessed

10:29:03 Reconvened

Section D - Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement and Justice

Opening Statement:

10:29:15 Rep. Regier

Judicial Branch:

10:30:12 Rep. Regier

10:31:21 Chair Ballance left the meeting. Vice Chair Bartel Assumed the Chair.

10:34:32 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

10:37:50 Rep. Mercer

10:38:21 Rep. Regier

10:38:49 Rep. Mercer

10:39:25 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch

10:40:56 Rep. Dudik

10:42:08 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch

Department of Justice:

10:42:33 Rep. Regier

10:46:52 Mike Milburn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

10:47:54 Chair Ballance resumed the Chair.

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

10:50:37 Rep. Mercer

10:51:06 Rep. Regier

10:52:43 Rep. Peppers

10:53:17 Mike Milburn, DOJ

10:53:43 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.

10:54:16 Chair Ballance

10:55:25 Mike Milburn, DOJ

10:56:46 Chair Ballance

10:56:53 Mike Milburn, DOJ

10:57:05 Chair Ballance

10:57:10 Mike Milburn, DOJ

10:58:46 Rep. Mercer
10:59:47 Mike Milburn, DOJ

Public Service Commission:

11:00:13 Rep. Regier
11:02:50 Brad Johnson, Chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

11:09:06 Rep. Hamilton
11:09:29 Chairman Johnson, PSC
11:09:50 Chair Ballance
11:11:54 Chairman Johnson, PSC
11:13:01 Rep. Hamlett
11:13:30 Chairman Johnson, PSC
11:15:01 Rep. Woods
11:15:33 Chairman Johnson, PSC

Office of Public Defender:

11:16:54 Rep. Regier
11:21:20 Rhonda Schaffer, Director, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

11:26:12 Rep. Mercer
11:28:35 Director Schaffer, OPD
11:28:57 Rep. Burnett
11:29:39 Director Schaffer, OPD
11:30:00 Rep. Bedey
11:31:15 Director Schaffer, OPD
11:31:40 Rep. Bedey
11:32:02 Rep. E. Moore
11:33:22 Director Schaffer, OPD
11:33:59 Rep. E. Moore
11:34:55 Rep. Regier
11:35:26 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
11:36:15 Rep. E. Moore
11:36:28 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:36:52 Rep. Peppers
11:37:15 Director Schaffer, OPD
11:37:35 Rep. Dudik
11:38:30 Director Schaffer, OPD
11:38:57 Rep. Dudik
11:41:43 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch
11:42:46 Rep. Dudik
11:43:05 Chair Ballance
11:44:17 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch
11:45:25 Rep. Dudik

11:46:23 Rep. Regier
 11:46:37 Chair Ballance
 11:46:44 Rep. Regier
 11:46:49 Rep. Dudik
 11:47:09 Rep. Hamlett
 11:47:39 Director Schaffer, OPD
 11:47:54 Rep. Mercer
 11:51:27 Director Schaffer, OPD
 11:51:33 Rep. E. Moore
 11:51:46 Rep. Burnett
 11:53:23 Director Schaffer, OPD
 11:53:42 Vice Chair Lynch
 11:54:18 Director Schaffer, OPD
 11:55:15 Chair Glimm
 11:57:26 Director Schaffer, OPD
 11:58:08 Rep. E. Moore
 11:58:30 Director Schaffer, OPD
 11:59:10 Chair Ballance
 11:59:30 Director Schaffer, OPD
 11:59:37 Rep. Mercer
 12:00:34 Director Schaffer, OPD
 12:00:44 Rep. Dudik
 12:01:44 Chair Ballance

12:02:23 Recessed
 12:47:54 Reconvened

12:48:00 Chair Ballance

EXHIBIT(aph47a04)

Department of Corrections:

12:48:11 Rep. Regier
 12:52:56 Reginald Michael, Director, Department of Corrections (COR)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

13:07:59 Rep. Hamilton
 13:08:30 Rep. Regier
 13:09:04 Walker Hopkins, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 13:09:41 Rep. Hamilton
 13:10:00 Walker Hopkins, LFD
 13:11:08 Rep. Holmlund
 13:14:07 Director Michael, COR
 13:14:45 Rep. Windy Boy
 13:15:19 Director Michael, COR
 13:16:02 Rep. Peppers
 13:17:57 Director Michael, COR
 13:18:11 Chair Ballance
 13:22:23 Director Michael, COR

13:22:43 Chair Glimm
13:23:44 Director Michael, COR

Closing of Section D:

13:24:04 Rep. Regier

13:24:44 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

EXHIBIT(aph47a05)

13:29:59 Chair Ballance
13:30:10 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
13:30:43 Rep. Hamilton
13:31:02 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
13:31:23 Rep. Caferro
13:31:38 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

Section A - General Government

Opening Statement:

13:34:28 Rep. Bartel

Legislative Branch:

13:36:16 Rep. Bartel
13:40:12 Susan Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
13:48:56 Angus Maciver, Auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

13:50:09 Rep. Hamilton
13:50:32 Director Maciver, LAD
13:54:32 Vice Chair Lynch
13:54:56 Director Maciver, LAD
13:55:28 Rep. Holmlund
13:55:48 Director Fox, LSD
13:56:05 Rep. Dudik
13:56:37 Rep. Holmlund
13:56:57 Rep. Windy Boy
13:57:31 Director Fox, LSD

Consumer Council:

13:58:07 Rep. Bartel
13:59:53 Bob Nelson, Consumer Counsel

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses: None

Governors Office:

14:01:53 Rep. Bartel
14:03:42 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

14:05:06 Vice Chair Lynch
14:05:25 Rep. Bartel
14:06:05 Rep. Caferro
14:06:35 Amy Sassano, OBPP
14:07:01 Rep. Mercer
14:07:49 Rep. Dudik
14:08:05 Rep. Bartel
14:08:20 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
14:08:54 Rep. Dudik
14:09:06 Rep. Bartel
14:09:27 Chair Ballance
14:09:43 Rep. Woods

Commissioner of Political Practices:

14:10:15 Rep. Bartel
14:13:34 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

14:16:32 Rep. Woods
14:18:47 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
14:19:17 Chair Glimm
14:19:59 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
14:20:15 Rep. Hopkins
14:20:37 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

State Auditors Office:

14:21:02 Rep. Bartel
14:24:28 Matt Rosendale, Commissioner, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

14:26:51 Rep. Hamilton
14:27:26 Commissioner Rosendale, SAO
14:28:07 Rep. Keane
14:28:26 Commissioner Rosendale, SAO
14:28:41 Vice Chair Lynch
14:29:05 Commissioner Rosendale, SAO
14:29:25 Vice Chair Lynch
14:30:11 Staci Litschauer, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Department of Revenue:

14:31:50 Rep. Bartel
14:34:36 Gene Walborn, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Public Comment:

14:56:58 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

14:58:38 Rep. Hamilton
14:59:11 Director Walborn, DOR
15:00:51 Vice Chair Jones
15:08:31 Director Walborn, DOR
15:10:08 Vice Chair Jones
15:10:49 Rep. Windy Boy
15:11:22 Director Walborn, DOR
15:12:16 Chair Ballance
15:12:28 Rep. Bartel

Department of Administration:

15:14:43 Rep. Bartel
15:18:04 John Lewis, Director, Department of Administration (DOA)

Public Comment:

15:25:28 Morgan Smith, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

15:26:15 Rep. Hamilton
15:26:38 Director Lewis, DOA
15:27:16 Anjette Schaffer, Department of Administration (DOA)

Department of Commerce:

15:29:30 Rep. Bartel
15:33:01 Tara Rice, Director, Department of Commerce (COM)

Public Comment: None**Questions from the Committee and Responses:**

15:36:01 Rep. Hamilton
15:39:08 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce (COM)
15:39:46 Rep. Hamlett
15:40:10 Rep. Bartel
15:40:16 Rep. Hamlett
15:42:05 Katie Guenther, LFD
15:42:25 Chair Ballance
15:42:53 Jennifer Olsen, COM
15:43:07 Bill Hoffmann, Department of Commerce (COM)
15:43:16 Chair Ballance
15:45:11 Bill Hoffmann, COM
15:45:28 Chair Ballance

Department of Labor and Industry:

15:45:50 Rep. Bartel
15:50:16 Galen Hollenbaugh, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

15:57:06 Rep. Hamilton
15:58:05 Commissioner Hollenbaugh, DOLI
15:58:32 Rep. Ryan
15:58:44 Commissioner Hollenbaugh, DOLI
15:59:13 Rep. Woods
15:59:21 Commissioner Hollenbaugh, DOLI

Department of Military Affairs:

16:00:24 Rep. Bartel
16:04:32 Sundi West, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Public Comment:

16:10:40 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

16:11:27 Rep. Bedey
16:12:12 Sundi West, DMA
16:12:17 Rep. Bedey
16:12:34 Chair Ballance
16:12:48 Sundi West, DMA
16:13:11 Rep. Hamilton
16:16:11 Sundi West, DMA
16:16:41 Rep. Hamlett
16:17:53 Sundi West, DMA

Closing of Section A:

16:18:35 Rep. Bartel

16:19:18 Chair Ballance
16:21:08 Rep. Hamilton
16:21:13 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:22:18

Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph47aad.pdf](#))