

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 21, 2019 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. David Bedey (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (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. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
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

**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 683, 3/15/2019; HB 684, 3/15/2019; HB 685, 3/15/2019; HB  
686, 3/15/2019; HB 687, 3/15/2019; SB 217, 3/15/2019  
Executive Action: HB 683, HB 684, HB 685, HB 686, HB 687, SB 217

08:38:41 Chair Ballance

### HEARING ON SB 217

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:39:14 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB217, Revise taxation of social security income.

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a01\)](#)

08:39:37 Vice Chair Lynch joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

#### Opponents' Testimony:

08:47:18 Gene Walborn, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:48:51 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:49:53 Rep. Hamilton

08:51:43 Rep. E. Moore left the meeting.

08:54:41 Sen. Howard

08:55:06 Rep. Hamlett

08:55:33 Sen. Howard

08:55:49 Rep. Mercer

08:56:11 Director Walborn, DOR

#### Closing by Sponsor:

08:57:03 Sen. Howard

### HEARING ON HB 683

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:58:10 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB683, Implement provisions of HB2, revising PSC salaries.

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

#### Opponents' Testimony:

09:02:17 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

09:04:12 Andrew Valainias, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)

#### Informational Testimony:

09:05:25 Marcy Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:05:54 Rep. Woods

09:08:49 Rep. Regier

09:09:02 Rep. Hamlett  
09:11:57 Rep. Regier  
09:12:49 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:13:18 Rep. Hamlett  
09:15:35 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
09:15:53 Rep. Mercer  
09:16:19 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.  
09:16:22 Rep. Regier  
09:16:56 Rep. Mercer  
09:18:01 Rep. Regier  
09:18:39 Rep. Hamlett  
09:19:03 Julie Johnson, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:19:37 Rep. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 684****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:20:31 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB684, Implement provisions of HB2, Section D, subcommittee on justice system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:27:59 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:28:55 Perry Johnson, Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph58a07\)](#)

09:38:22 Lewis Smith, Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)

**Informational Testimony:**

09:43:10 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
09:43:33 John Daugherty, Department of Corrections (COR)  
09:43:48 Liz Bangerter, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
09:44:04 Bryan Lockerby, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
09:44:21 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:44:44 Rep. Dudik  
09:46:02 Dave Galt, MSPOA  
09:49:35 Rep. Mercer  
09:54:02 Beth McLaughlin, Judicial Branch  
09:54:13 Rep. Mercer

09:55:29 Rep. Regier  
09:55:57 Rep. Mercer  
09:56:32 Dave Galt, MSPOA  
09:58:33 Rep. Mercer  
09:59:59 Bryan Lockerby, DOJ  
10:02:19 Rep. Keane  
10:04:11 Dave Galt, MSPOA  
10:04:26 Rep. Caferro  
10:04:58 Perry Johnson, POST  
10:06:19 Rep. Bedey  
10:06:41 Rep. Regier  
10:07:52 Rep. Caferro  
10:11:26 Liz Bangerter, DOJ  
10:13:14 Rep. Bedey  
10:14:12 Liz Bangerter, DOJ  
10:16:05 Rep. Bedey  
10:17:18 Julie Johnson, LSD  
10:17:56 Rep. Mercer  
10:19:23 Perry Johnson, POST  
10:22:48 Rep. Hamlett  
10:23:25 Dave Galt, MSPOA  
10:23:39 Chair Ballance  
10:24:08 Dave Galt, MSPOA  
10:24:18 Chair Ballance  
10:24:23 Julie Johnson, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:25:40 Rep. Regier

10:26:53 Chair Ballance

10:27:01 Julie Johnson, LSD

**HEARING ON HB 685**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:27:18 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB685, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec D - Judiciary, Law Enf, Justice.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:27:59 Rep. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 686****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:28:09 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB686, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec D - Judiciary, Law Enf, Justice.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:28:33 Rep. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 687****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:28:47 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB687, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec D - Judiciary, Law Enf, Justice.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:29:23 Rep. Regier

10:30:04 Recessed

11:22:20 Reconvened with Vice Chair Jones present.

11:22:30 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 683**

11:23:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 683 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Bedey, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 685**

11:25:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 685 DO PASS**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 686**

11:25:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 686 DO PASS**. Motion carried 20-2 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro and Rep. Peppers voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 687**

11:26:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 687 DO PASS**. Motion carried 20-2 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro and Rep. Peppers voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217**

11:27:02 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **SB 217 BE CONCURRED IN**.

11:27:13 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Caferro made a substitute motion that **SB 217 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy were excused.

**Discussion:**

11:28:25 Rep. Woods  
11:28:41 Rep. Bedey  
11:29:42 Rep. Keane  
11:30:05 Rep. Ryan  
11:30:52 Chair Ballance  
11:31:54 Rep. Dudik  
11:33:02 Rep. Peppers  
11:33:12 Rep. Hopkins  
11:34:32 Rep. Hamilton  
11:35:54 Rep. Hamlett

11:36:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Burnett, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Ryan, Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

11:37:48 Rep. Mercer

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 683**

11:38:42 **Motion:** Rep. Woods moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** on **HB 683**.

**Discussion:**

- 11:38:55 Rep. E. Moore
- 11:39:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-3 by voice vote with Rep. Hamlett, Rep. Lynch and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.
- 11:39:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 683 DO PASS**. Motion failed 11-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keane, Rep. Lynch, Rep. E. Moore, Rep. Read, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.
- 11:41:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 683 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 20-0 by voice vote. Rep. Glimm and Rep. Windy Boy were excused.
- 11:41:55 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:42:23

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Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph58aad.pdf](#))**