

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 21, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)  
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. 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. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)  
Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (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 431, 3/18/2019; HB 688, 3/18/2019; HB 689, 3/18/2019; HB 690, 3/18/2019  
Executive Action: HB 376, HB 688, HB 689, HB 690

15:09:42 Chair Glimm joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 431**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:10:06 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB431, Create farmer loan assistance program by revising GTA laws.

15:10:58 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:12:26 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:13:16 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

15:13:31 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:13:48 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:14:28 Rep. Z. Brown

15:15:42 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 688**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:16:10 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB688, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec. A - General Government.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:16:57 Chair Glimm

15:17:09 Rep. Mercer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:17:27 Rep. Mercer

**HEARING ON HB 689**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:17:37 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB689, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec. A - General Government.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:17:58 Chair Glimm

15:18:11 Rep. Mercer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:18:30 Rep. Mercer

**HEARING ON HB 690**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:18:39 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB690, Implement provisions of HB2, Sec. A - General Government.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:19:01 Rep. Keane

15:19:32 Rep. Mercer

15:19:46 Chair Glimm

15:20:04 Rep. Caferro

15:20:30 Rep. Mercer

15:20:48 Chair Ballance

15:21:50 Rep. Caferro

15:23:28 Chair Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:24:17 Rep. Mercer

15:24:29 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 688**

15:26:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lynch moved that **HB 688 DO PASS**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no. Rep. Bartel and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 689**

15:27:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lynch moved that **HB 689 DO PASS**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no. Rep. Bartel and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 690**

15:28:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lynch moved that **HB 690 DO PASS**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no. Rep. Bartel and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 376**

15:28:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lynch moved that **HB 376 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

15:29:30 Chair Ballance

15:29:49 Rep. Bedey

15:30:25 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:32:35

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Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

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