

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on April 3, 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. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Carl Glimm, Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (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: SB 124, 4/1/2019; SB 289, 4/1/2019; SB 352, 4/1/2019
Executive Action: SB 124, SB 289

HEARING ON SB 352**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:10 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 352, Generally revise laws related to the state budget.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:04:55 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

15:06:24 Rep. Caferro and Rep. Peppers joined the meeting.

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

15:07:04 Rep. Keane

15:09:34 Sen. Thomas

15:09:54 Rep. Ryan

15:10:18 Sen. Thomas

15:11:26 Chair Ballance

15:12:07 Rep. Ryan

15:13:20 Chair Ballance

15:13:42 Rep. Woods

15:14:00 Sen. Thomas

15:14:28 Chair Ballance

15:15:04 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:22 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 124**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:16:54 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 124, Allow uniformed and overseas voters to use electronic signatures.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:17:47 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

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

15:19:46 Rep. Woods

15:20:03 Sen. D. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:27 Sen. D. Brown

15:20:39 Chair Ballance
15:20:45 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

15:21:16 Recessed
15:28:29 Reconvened with Rep. Dudik present.

HEARING ON SB 289

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:55 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 289, Provide safe harbor for pregnant women seeking assistance for substance abuse.

15:30:40 Chair Ballance
15:30:59 Sen. Sands
15:31:03 Rep. Bedey joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:31:30 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:32:47 Sen. Sands

15:33:27 Rep. Jones
15:33:36 Chair Ballance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 124

15:33:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jones moved that **SB 124 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Lynch and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Glimm and Rep. M. Regier were excused. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 289

15:34:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jones moved that **SB 289 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Lynch and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Glimm and Rep. M. Regier were excused. Rep. Kelker will carry the bill.

15:35:39 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:36:41

Jessica Riffel, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

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