

**MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division
Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 1, 12/28/2020; HB 3, 12/28/2020; HB 4, 12/28/2020

09:05:02 Jim Brown, House Sargent at Arms Staff
 09:11:13 Chair Llew Jones
 09:11:59 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:19:02 Rep. David Bedey (R), opened the hearing on HB 3, Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

Proponents:

09:24:49 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
 09:26:12 Kenneth Baily, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
 09:27:21 Emily Dean, MT School Board Association (MSBA),
 09:28:09 Dennis Parman, MT Rural Education Association. (MREA)
 09:29:06 Erik Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

09:34:18 Amy Sassano, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning, (OPBB)
 09:35:41 Hope Stockwell Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 09:36:57 Amy Sassano, OBPP
 09:37:37 Director Kurt Alme, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
 09:39:29 Amy Sassano, OBPP
 09:40:15 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue (DOR)
 09:40:55 Acting Director Erica Johnston, Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 09:41:44 Cheryl Cohen, Department of Commerce (COM)
 09:42:13 Natalie Smithan, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
 09:42:45 Lawrence Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:43:35 Rep. Ricci
 09:44:05 Shauna Helfert, DOR
 09:44:56 Rep. Ricci
 09:45:12 Shauna Helfert, DOR
 09:45:42 Vice Chair Rieger
 09:46:00 Chair Jones
 09:46:23 Rep. Regier
 09:46:43 Shauna Helfert, DOR
 09:47:26 Rep. Regier
 09:47:52 Shauna Helfert, DOR
 09:49:38 Rep. Regier
 09:50:10 Ken Bailey, OPI
 09:50:35 Rep. Windy Boy
 09:51:22 Acting Director Johnston, DPHHS
 09:53:09 Rep. WindyBoy
 09:53:21 Chair Jones
 09:53:23 Vice Chair Caferro

09:53:44 Shauna Helfert, DOR
09:54:02 Vice Chair Caferro
09:54:14 Shauna Helfert, DOR
09:54:43 Vice Chair Caferro
09:55:18 Shauna Helfert, DOR
09:56:26 Vice Chair Caferro
09:56:51 Cheryl Cohen, COM
09:56:57 Vice Chair Caferro
09:57:20 Cheryl Cohen , COM
09:57:39 Vice Chair Caferro
09:57:49 Cheryl, Cohen, COM
09:58:17 Vice Chair Caferro
09:58:59 Cheryl Cohen, COM
09:59:29 Vice Chair Caferro
09:59:36 Rep. Keane
10:00:38 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:01:05 Rep. Keane
10:01:15 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:01:43 Rep. Keane
10:01:51 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:02:20 Rep. Keane
10:02:31 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:02:42 Rep. Keane
10:03:16 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:04:03 Rep. Keane
10:04:13 Shauna Helfert,DOR
10:04:20 Rep. Keane
10:04:58 Lawrence Flynn, MDT
10:05:47 Rep. Keane
10:05:59 Lawrence Flynn, MDT
10:06:16 Rep. Keane
10:06:25 Lawrence Flynn, MDT
10:07:11 Rep. Keane
10:07:23 Chair Jones
10:07:30 Rep. Mercer
10:08:12 Vice Chair Bedey
10:08:36 Rep. Mercer
10:09:22 Rep. Bedey
10:10:01 Chair Jones
14:10:05 Rep. Mercer
10:10:28 Director Alme, OBPP
10:11:40 Rep. Mercer
10:12:24 Director Kurt Alme, OBPP
10.13:13 Rep. Mercer
10:14:16 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:14:39 Rep. Mercer
10:15:16 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:15:24 Rep. Fuller
10:15:40 Acting Director Johnston, DPHHS
10:15:47 Rep. Fuller

10:16:21 Cheryl Cohen, (COM)
10:16:48 Rep. Fuller
10:17:07 Cheryl Cohen (COM)
10:17:55 Rep. Fuller
10:17:59 Chair Jones
10:18:02 Vice Chair Tschida
10:18:11 Rep. Bartel
10:18:35 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:19:41 Rep. Bartell
10:20:07 Chair Jones
10:20:19 Shauna Helfert, DOR
10:21:28 Rep. Bedey
10:21:47 Rep. Tschida
10:25:19 Shauna Helfert, (DOR)
10:25:26 Rep. Tschida
10:25:48 Dave Stewart, Department of Revenue (DOR)
10:26:26 Rep. Tschida
10:28:54 Shauna Helfert (DOR)
10:29:07 Chair Jones
10:29:20 Rep. Windy Boy
10:31:59 Shauna Helfert (DOR)
10:32:11 Chair Jones
10:32:19 Shauna Helfert (DOR)
10:32:28 Rep. Windy Boy
10:32:39 Rep. Keane
10:33:17 Chair Jones
10:33:30 Rep. Bartell
10:33:54 Chair Jones
10:34:06 Director Alme, OBPP
10:34:14 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:35:47 Chair Jones

Public Comment:

10:36:19 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

Closing by Sponsor:

10:37:42 Chair Jones

HEARING ON HB 4**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:37:53 Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by Budget Amendment.

Proponents:

10:40:23 Shyla Patera, (NCILS)
10:43:40 Amy Sassano, Office Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

10:48:59 Cheryl Cohen, Department of Commerce (COM)
 10:49:42 Sonya Germann, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)
 10:50:28 Barbara Quinn, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)
 10:51:05 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
 10:51:19 Anna Pakenhan Stevendon, (DNRC)
 10:51:47 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)
 10:52:15 Natalie Smitham, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
 10:52:49 Garrett Norcott, Department of Commerce (COM)
 10:53:26 Trisha Gererris, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)
 10:53:58 Dustin Temple, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (MFP)
 10:54:19 Chair Jones

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:54:40 Rep. Mercer
 11:00:44 Amy Sassano, OBPP
 11:01:48 Rep. Windy Boy
 11:04:34 Amy Sassano, OBPP
 11:04:55 Rep. Windy Boy
 11:04:59 Nate Thomas, DOJ
 11:05:33 Rep. Windy Boy
 11:08:25 Amy Sassano, OBPP
 11:08:45 Chair Jones
 11:08:55 Rep. Keane
 11:09:38 Amy Sassano, OBPP
 11:09:57 Chair Jones

 11:10:09 Recess
 11:46:51 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 1**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:47:02 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 1, Feed Bill to fund 67th Legislative session

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

11:49:42 Director Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:50:20 Rep. Regier
 11:50:40 Director Fox (LS)
 11:51:17 Rep. Regier
 11:51:21 Director Fox (LS)
 11:52:59 Rep. Garner

11:53:32 Director Fox (LSD)
11:54:13 Rep. Keane
11:55:13 Vice Chair Tschida
11:56:01 Director Fox (LSD)
11:56:27 Vice Chair Tschida
11:56:41 Director Fox (LSD)
11:56:49 Rep. Caferro
11:57:23 Director Fox (LSD)
11:57:42 Rep. Caferro
11:58:03 Director Fox (LSD)
11:59:03 Rep. Windy Boy
11:59:29 Director Fox (LSD)
11:59:53 Rep. Keogh
12:00:13 Rep Fox
12:01:21 Rep. Keogh
12:01:34 Director Fox (LSD)
12:02:01 Vice Chair Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

12:02:18 Rep. Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:04:11

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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