

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Dan Bartel, on January 20, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Caitlin Cashman, Committee Secretary
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Molly DelCurto, Legislative Branch
Jessica Tsias, 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: Department of Military Affairs - Director's Office; National Guard Challenge Program; National Guard Scholarship Program; STARBASE Program; Army National Guard Program; Air National Guard Program; Disaster and Emergency Services; Veterans Affairs Program.

08:02:17 Chair Bartel

Department of Military Affairs

08:02:45 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:03:01 Sen. Kary joined the meeting.

08:07:22 Chair Bartel

08:07:25 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jgh13a01\)](#)

08:07:49 Vice Chair Lang joined the meeting.

08:13:51 Chair Bartel

08:14:09 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:14:24 Chair Bartel

08:14:44 Sen. Flowers

08:15:06 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

08:15:12 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:15:23 Sen. Flowers

08:15:32 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:15:38 Sen. Flowers

08:15:53 Chair Bartel

08:15:58 Sen. Flowers

08:16:03 Major General John "Pete" Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh13a02\)](#)

08:16:22 Chair Bartel

08:16:33 Major General Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

08:17:41 Chair Bartel

08:18:02 Major General Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Director's Office

08:21:48 Sundi West, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh13a03\)](#)

08:24:28 Chair Bartel

08:24:59 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:25:14 Chair Bartel

08:25:25 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:28:08 Chair Bartel

08:28:36 Angie Nelson, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

08:28:47 Chair Bartel

National Guard Challenge Program

08:29:20 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:32:07 Chair Bartel

08:32:23 Trent Gibson, Montana Youth Challenge (MYC)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh13a04\)](#)

08:33:05 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

08:33:11 Sundi West, DMA
08:33:25 Trent Gibson, Montana Youth Challenge (MYC)
08:41:33 Chair Bartel
08:41:36 Rep. Ricci
08:41:50 Trent Gibson, Montana Youth Challenge (MYC)
08:42:20 Rep. Ricci
08:42:24 Chair Bartel
08:42:29 Rep. Tschida
08:43:01 Trent Gibson, Montana Youth Challenge (MYC)
08:44:17 Chair Bartel
08:44:29 Angie Nelson, OBPP
08:44:37 Chair Bartel

National Guard Scholarship Program

08:44:56 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:46:12 Chair Bartel
08:46:25 Brigadier General James Wilkins, National Guard of the Department of Military
Affairs (DMA)

EXHIBIT(jgh13a05)

08:47:41 Chair Bartel
08:47:46 Rep. Tschida
08:48:08 Brigadier General James Wilkins, DMA
08:48:42 Chair Bartel
08:48:56 Angie Nelson, OBPP

Department of Defense STARBASE Montana

08:49:23 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:51:19 Chair Bartel
08:51:50 Wendy Fechter, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

EXHIBIT(jgh13a06)

08:54:34 Chair Bartel

Army National Guard Program

08:54:47 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:58:10 Chair Bartel
08:58:25 Colonel Todd Verrill, Construction Facilities Bureau of the Department of Military
Affairs (DMA)

EXHIBIT(jgh13a07)

09:03:25 Rep. Tschida left the meeting.
09:04:19 Chair Bartel
09:04:28 Vice Chair Lang
09:04:52 Colonel Todd Verrill, DMA
09:05:08 Chair Bartel
09:05:11 Major General John "Pete" Hronek, DMA
09:06:15 Vice Chair Lang
09:06:17 Chair Bartel

09:06:29 Angie Nelson, OBPP
09:06:35 Chair Bartel

Air National Guard Program

09:06:41 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:09:01 Rep. Tschida entered the meeting.
09:09:52 Chair Bartel
09:10:02 Sen. Flowers
09:10:28 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:11:04 Sen. Flowers
09:11:34 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:11:48 Sen. Flowers
09:11:51 Chair Bartel
09:11:59 Lt. Col Fechter, Air National Guard of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

EXHIBIT(jgh13a08)

09:15:29 Chair Bartel
09:15:51 Lt. Col Fechter, Air National Guard of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
09:17:31 Chair Bartel
09:17:34 Major General John "Pete" Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
09:17:39 Chair Bartel
09:17:40 Major General John "Pete" Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
09:19:14 Chair Bartel
09:19:24 Angie Nelson, OBPP
09:19:31 Chair Bartel

Disaster and Emergency Services

09:19:36 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:29:18 Chair Bartel
09:29:27 Sen. Flowers
09:29:57 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:30:20 Sen. Flowers
09:31:11 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:31:29 Sen. Flowers
09:32:31 Chair Bartel
09:32:34 Rep. Tschida
09:33:01 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:33:36 Rep. Tschida
09:33:59 Chair Bartel
09:34:02 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:34:29 Chair Bartel
09:34:40 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services Division of the Department of
Military Affairs (DMA)

EXHIBIT(jgh13a09)

09:43:13 Chair Bartel
09:43:17 Vice Chair Lang
09:43:37 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:44:09 Vice Chair Lang

09:44:37 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:45:16 Vice Chair Lang
09:45:51 Chair Bartel
09:45:55 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
09:46:27 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:46:49 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
09:47:37 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:48:19 Chair Bartel
09:48:31 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:49:10 Chair Bartel
09:49:35 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:49:38 Chair Bartel
09:49:53 Angie Nelson, OBPP
09:50:07 Chair Bartel

09:50:17 Recess
10:09:59 Reconvene

Veterans Affairs Program

10:10:11 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
10:16:14 Chair Bartel
10:16:22 Vice Chair Lang
10:16:44 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
10:17:07 Vice Chair Lang
10:17:33 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
10:17:48 Chair Bartel
10:17:59 Angie Nelson, OBPP
10:18:05 Chair Bartel
10:18:44 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
10:22:19 Chair Bartel
10:22:24 Vice Chair Lang
10:22:27 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
10:23:24 Chair Bartel
10:24:28 Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veteran Affairs Division of the Department of Military
Affairs (DMA)

EXHIBIT(jgh13a10)

10:29:55 Chair Bartel
10:30:10 Angie Nelson, OBPP
10:30:18 Chair Bartel
10:30:36 Major General John "Pete" Hronek, DMA
10:30:58 Chair Bartel

Public Comment

10:31:11 Jessica Tsias, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
10:31:16 Chair Bartel
10:31:18 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

EXHIBIT(jgh13a11)

10:33:03 Chair Bartel

Budget Analysis and Fiscal Reports

10:33:21 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

10:33:30 Chair Bartel

10:34:30 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

10:38:43 Chair Bartel

10:39:06 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39:16

Caitlin Cashman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh13aad.pdf](#))