

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on February 8, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier, 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. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:**

Vice Chair Tschida  
Vice Chair Caferro  
Rep. Stewart-Perogoy  
Rep. Vinton

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division  
Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary  
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 131, 2/5/2021; HB 239, 2/5/2021

**HEARING ON HB 239****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:07:46 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 239, Lower disability threshold for certain fee waivers to 80%.

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:09:45 Rep. Mercer  
14:10:48 Rep. Funk  
14:12:16 Rep. Windy Boy  
14:12:45 Rep. Tschida joins the hearing  
14:13:12 Chair Jones  
14:13:27 Rep. Bartel  
14:13:58 Chair Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:14:06 Rep. Funk

**HEARING ON HB 131****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:14:48 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 131, Generally revise state cabin leasing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

14:17:52 Brian Holling, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:18:16 Vice Chair Regier  
14:18:42 Chair Jones  
14:18:50 Rep. Bedey  
14:18:59 Brian Holling, DNRC  
14:19:24 Chair Jones  
14:19:28 Rep. Keane  
14:19:46 Brian Holling, DNRC  
14:19:53 Rep. Keane  
14:20:36 Chair Jones  
14:20:47 Brian Holling, DNRC  
14:21:19 Rep. Keane  
14:21:29 Chair Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:21:43 Rep. Bedey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 131**

14:22:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 131 DO PASS**. Motion carried 22-2 by voice vote with Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 72**

14:24:07 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 72 DO PASS**.

14:24:20 **Motion:** Rep. Garner moved that **HB 72 BE AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

14:26:00 Vice Chair Regier  
14:26:54 Chair Jones  
14:27:04 Rep. Moore  
14:28:03 Chair Jones  
14:28:19 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
14:29:19 Chair Jones  
14:29:30 Joe Triem, LFD  
14:30:49 Chair Jones  
14:30:52 Rep. Patelis  
14:31:57 Chair Jones  
14:32:56 Joe Triem, LFD  
14:33:47 Rep. Nave  
14:36:43 Joe Triem, LFD  
14:38:01 Rep. Nave  
14:38:26 Rep. Caferro joined the hearing  
14:38:52 Joe Triem, LFD  
14:39:05 Chair Jones  
14:40:09 Rep. Moore  
14:42:55 Rep. Hamilton  
14:44:01 Joe Triem, LFD  
14:47:28 Rep. Hamilton  
14:47:32 Chair Jones  
14:47:44 Rep. Moore  
14:48:46 Rep. Keane  
14:49:44 Rep. Garner  
14:53:39 Chair Jones  
14:54:25 Rep. Bartel  
14:54:40 Chair Jones  
  
14:55:07 Without objection, Rep. Garner **withdrew the BE AMENDED motion**.  
14:55:14 Without objection, Rep. Holmlund **withdrew HB 72 DO PASS MOTION**.  
14:55:32 Chair Jones

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 14:55:43

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT**([aph26aad.pdf](#))