

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 15, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Llew Jones
Rep. Sue Vinton

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 146, 2/11/2021; HB 373, 2/11/2021; HB 374, 2/11/2021
HB 49, 2/12/2021; HB 139, 2/12/2021

HEARING ON HB 139

15:06:38 Vice Chair Holmlund assumed role of chair.

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:06:51 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 139, Revise death certificate fees to fund board of morticians and funeral services.

Proponents:

15:10:09 Chris Puyear, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a01\)](#)

15:11:08 Rep. Regier left the meeting.

15:17:37 Chair Holmlund

Opponents:

15:18:34 Director Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

15:19:19 Todd Younkin, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(aph31a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:54 Rep. Moore

15:20:07 Todd Younkin, DLI

15:21:44 Rep. Moore

15:22:42 Rep. Welch

15:23:06 Chris Puyear, MFDA

15:24:15 Rep. Nave

15:24:36 Rep. Welch

15:25:09 Rep. Nave

15:25:26 Rep. Welch

15:25:39 Rep. Hamilton

15:27:22 Todd Younkin, DLI

15:30:14 Rep. Mercier

15:30:53 Todd Younkin, DLI

15:32:33 Rep. Mercer

15:32:56 Todd Younkin, DLI

15:32:57 Rep. Mercer

15:33:12 Todd Younkin, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:54 Rep. Welch

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:35:41 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 49, Revise recording fees to support county and state land information accounts.

Proponents:

15:39:51 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library (MSL)

15:46:00 Julie Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

EXHIBIT(aph31a04)

15:48:17 Chair Holmlund

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

15:48:43 Evan Hammer, Montana State Library (MSL)

15:49:09 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Services Division (LFD)

15:49:36 Chair Holmlund

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:49:48 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:51:03 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 146, Require OBPP to report actual costs to cost projected in fiscal notes.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:54:07 Rep. Windy Boy

15:55:03 Rep. Mercer

15:56:29 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:57:05 Rep. Mercer

15:57:30 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:57:43 Rep. Mercer

15:57:52 Chair Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

15:58:07 Rep. Mercer

15:58:30 Recessed
16:01:50 Reconvened as Vice Chair Caffero assumed the role of chair.

HEARING ON HB 374

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:01:57 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 374, Amend Coal Severance Tax SSR accounts, provide transfers.

Proponents:

16:05:02 Amy Sassano. Office of Budget Program Planning (OBPP)

EXHIBIT(aph31a05)

16:07:07 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.
16:08:48 Chair Caferro
16:09:05 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association (MLA)
16:11:55 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
16:17:01 Chair Caferro
16:17:27 President Jim Simpson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
16:18:04 Chair Caferro
16:18:20 Jeff Pattison, Valley County Conservation District
16:22:30 Chair Caferro

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

16:23:07 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library (MSL)
16:23:26 Melissa Briggs, Montana State Library (MSL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:24:05 Rep. Nave
16:24:49 Rep. Holmlund
16:25:29 Rep. Nave
16:25:53 Rep. Holmlund
16:26:10 Rep. Nave
16:26:49 Rep. Holmlund
16:27:03 Rep. Nave
16:27:34 Rep. Holmlund
16:27:53 Rep. Nave
16:27:57 Rep. Bedey
16:29:07 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:29:27 Rep. Bedey
16:30:21 Rep. Holmlund
16:30:48 Chair Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

16:30:51 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON HB 373

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:31:49 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 373, Revise natural resources operations fund, provide transfer.

Proponents

16:33:26 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget Preparation and Planning (OBPP)
16:36:39 Director Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ)
16:37:49 Chair Caferro
16:37:52 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
16:42:20 Chair Caferro

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:43:02 Rep. Bedey
16:44:25 Rep Holmlund
16:44:34 Rep. Mercer
16:45:09 Director Dorrington, DEQ
16:45:39 Rep. Mercer
16:46:18 Director Dorrington, DEQ
16:47:36 Rep. Mercer
16:47:50 Director Dorrington, DEQ
16:48:11 Rep. Mercer
16:48:16 Chair Caferro
16:48:24 Rep. Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

16:48:59 Rep. Holmlund

Committee Business

16:49:41 Vice Chair Holmlund resumed role of chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 16:50:27

Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph31aad.pdf](#))