

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on February 22, 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. 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. Terry Moore (R)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Rep. David Bedey (R)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

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

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 50, 2/18/2021; HB 188, 2/18/2021; HB 272, 2/18/2021; HB 277, 2/18/2021; HB 425, 2/18/2021

Executive Action: HB 25, HB 115, HB 244, HB 373, HB 374, HB 188.

15:21:05 Vice Chair Holmlund assumed the Chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 25**

15:21:15 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 25 DO PASS.**

15:21:26 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 25 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Moore, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Bedey, Rep. Jones, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115**

15:25:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 115 DO PASS.** Motion carried 18-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Bedey, Rep. Jones, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 244**

15:28:47 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 244 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:28:58 Rep. Mercer  
15:29:19 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
15:29:56 Chair Holmlund

15:30:10 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved to postpone consideration on **HB 244.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373**

15:30:38 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 373 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:31:16 Rep. Garner joined the meeting.  
15:31:27 Rep. Caferro  
15:31:33 Chair Holmlund  
15:31:52 Rep. Moore  
15:32:56 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
15:33:31 Rep. Mercer  
15:33:43 Joe Triem, LFD  
15:34:07 Chair Holmlund  
15:34:23 Rep. Keane  
15:34:36 Rep. Mercer  
15:36:10 Chair Holmlund  
15:36:37 Rep. Nave  
15:37:34 Joe Triem, LFD  
15:38:17 Rep. Nave

15:39:11 Chair Holmlund  
15:39:19 Rep. Bedey left the meeting.  
15:40:22 Rep Bartel  
15:41:28 Rep Keane  
15:42:09 Rep. Tschida  
15:43:25 Rep. Hamilton  
15:44:21 Chair Holmlund  
15:45:10 Rep. Keane

15:45:42 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved **HB 373 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** to sunset the funding mechanism in the bill after four years.

**Discussion:**

15:46:06 Rep. Mercer  
15:46:37 Rep. Garner left the meeting.  
15:47:07 Rep. Keane  
15:47:27 Rep. Nave

15:47:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. Jones, Rep. Moore, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:50:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 373 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. Jones, Rep. Moore, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:50:21 Rep. Bartell  
15:50:27 Joe Triem, LSD  
15:50:52 Rep. Tschida  
15:51:32 Joe Triem, LSD  
15:52:08 Rep. Regier  
15:52:56 Rep. Fuller  
15:53:18 Chair Holmlund

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 374**

15:55:20 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 374 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:55:33 **Motion:** by Rep. Mercer moved **HB 374 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** to sunset the funding mechanism in the bill after four years.

**Discussion:**

15:55:54 Rep. Mercer  
15:56:36 Chair Holmlund

15:58:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Jones, Rep. Moore, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:58:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 374 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 17-7 by voice vote with Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Jones, Rep. Moore, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

### **HEARING ON HB 272**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:01:34 Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 272, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

**Proponents:** None

#### **Opponents:**

16:03:09 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

16:05:36 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:05:47 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
16:06:18 Rep. Stromswold  
16:06:49 Chair Holmlund  
16:06:58 Rep. Keogh  
16:09:25 Noah Marion, MWA  
16:10:05 Rep. Keogh  
16:12:02 Rep. Stromswold  
16:12:15 Chair Holmlund

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

16:12:28 Rep. Stromswold

### **HEARING ON HB 188**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:13:57 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 188, Generally revise electric vehicle laws and fees.

#### **Proponents:**

16:18:30 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:19:42 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)  
16:20:08 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:20:33 Rep. Keane  
16:21:36 Rep. Loge  
16:22:03 Rep. Hamilton  
16:23:22 Rep. Loge  
16:24:04 Rep. Hamilton  
16:25:01 Chair Holmlund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:25:15 Rep. Loge

**HEARING ON HB 50****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:26:43 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 50, Redistribute 9-1-1 funding to state library.

**Proponents:**

16:28:27 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officer Association (MSPOA)  
16:30:00 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library (MSL)

**Opponents:** None**Informational Testimony:**

16:36:57 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:37:23 Rep. Nave  
16:39:50 Jennie Stapp, MSL  
16:40:42 Rep. Nave  
16:41:15 Rep. Tschida  
16:44:31 Rep. Garner  
16:45:30 Rep. Tschida  
16:46:11 Chair Holmlund  
16:46:16 Jennie Stapp, MSL

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:48:15 Rep. Garner

**HEARING ON HB 277****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:49:27 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 277, Provide for a state government performance and results act.

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:53:42 Rep. Mercer

### **HEARING ON HB 425**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:54:14 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 425, Generally revise crime victim compensation laws.

**Proponents:**

16:55:36 Alan Doane, Department of Justice (DOJ)

16:56:03 Holley Johnson, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:56:52 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

16:57:19 Holley Johnson, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor**

16:58:33 Rep. Schillinger

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 188**

16:59:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that **HB 188 DO PASS**. Motion carried 21-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Jones, Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Tschida, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

17:03:14 Chair Holmlund

17:03:18 Joe Triem, LSD

17:03:37 Rep. Caferro

17:03:52 Chair Holmlund

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:04:06

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph37aad.pdf](#))