

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 17, 2021 at 2:45 P.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:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 522, 3/16/2021; HB 388, 3/16/2021; SB 51, 3/16/2021; SB 52, 3/16/2021; SB 58, 3/16/2021
Executive Action: HB 329, HB 630, HB 272, HB 488, SB 52, SB 58

HEARING ON HB 388**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:57:29 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 388, Establish a Montana Health Crisis Preparedness Program.

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a03\)](#)

Proponents:

15:04:38 President Rich Rasmussen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

15:07:28 Chair Jones

15:07:49 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

15:09:26 Delila Bruno, Department of Military Affairs, Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:33 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:10:53 Delila Bruno, DMA

15:11:42 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:12:01 Delila Bruno, DMA

15:12:38 Rep. Caferro

15:13:12 Rep. Stafman

15:13:48 Rep. Caferro

15:14:06 Rep. Stafman

15:15:21 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:34 Rep. Stafman

HEARING ON HB 522**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:16:19 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 522, Create the Montana military strategic and economic task force.

Proponents:

15:19:39 Roger Hagan, Montana Air and Army National Guard

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

15:21:07 Anna Marie Moe, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:21:40 Rep. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:22:46 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 51, Exempting certain fiber optic, coaxial cable from property taxation.

Proponents:

15:23:33 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunication Association (MTA)

Opponents:

15:25:00 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

15:28:11 Kevin Hamm, Treasure State Telegraph

Informational Testimony:

15:29:08 Eric Dale, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:45 Sen. Ellsworth

HEARING ON SB 52

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:46 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 52, Revise lodging facility use tax and sales tax on lodging and rental cars.

Proponents:

15:32:07 Stuart Doggett, Montan Lodging and Hospitality Association

15:32:41 Mike Green, Crowley Fleck Law Firm, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MHLA)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

15:34:03 Finn McMichael, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:34:27 Rep. Ellsworth

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:34:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 58, Provide fund transfer for livestock losses.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:37:43 Rep. Keane

15:38:06 George Edwards, Montana Livestock Loss Support

Closing by Sponsor:

15:39:20 Sen. Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 630

15:40:44 Chair Jones

15:41:28 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 630 DO PASS.**

15:41:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bedey moved that **HB 630 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph53a04)

15:43:53 **Motion:** Rep. Bedey moved that **HB 630 BE AMENDED**

EXHIBIT(aph53a05)

Discussion:

15:44:14 Rep. Bedey

15:45:20 Chair Jones

15:46:13 **MotionVote:** Motion by Rep. Bedey that **HB 630 AMENDMENT 630.1.3 be conceptually amended to change line 27 to reflect 52.7.** Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bartel voting no. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

15:47:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bartel voting no. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

15:48:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bedey moved that **HB 630 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph53a06) 630.1.1

15:50:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 630 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

15:51:05 Chair Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272

15:52:34 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 272 DO PASS.**

15:53:08 Without objection, Rep. Holmlund **withdrew the DO PASS motion.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 329

15:53:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 329 DO PASS.** Motion carried 14-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272

15:56:05 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 272 DO PASS.**

15:56:15 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 272 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph53a07\)](#)

Discussion:

15:57:00 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:57:03 Chair Jones

15:58:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

15:59:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved to postpone action on HB 272 as Amended until a fiscal note is received. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 488

16:00:18 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 488 DO PASS.**

16:00:24 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 488 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 52

16:01:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 52 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 22-2 by voice vote with Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Bartel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

16:03:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Tschida will carry the bill.

16:04:30 Chair Jones

16:07:28 Rep. Bartel

16:07:41 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

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16:08:55

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph53aad.pdf](#))