

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 12, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (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. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
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: SB 182, 4/2/2021; SB 192, 4/2/2021; SB 212, 4/2/2021; SB 249, 4/2/2021

HEARING ON SB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:34 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 249, Revise funding for the Montana greater sage-grouse stewardship act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:24 Quentin Kujala, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(aph69a01)

09:06:29 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Affiliation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:07:22 Amanda Kaster, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:08:05 Rep. Keane
09:08:30 Quentin Kujala, FWP
09:08:42 Vice Chair Caferro
09:09:00 Sen. Lang
09:09:23 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting

Closing by Sponsor:

09:09:51 Sen. Lang

09:11:11 Vice Chair Holmlund joined the meeting
09:11:22 Vice Chair Holmlund assumed the chair

HEARING ON SB 192

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:11:26 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on SB 192, Providing for transfers and budgetary matters.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:12:56 Rep. Jones

09:14:31 Chair Jones resumed the chair

HEARING ON SB 182**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:14:41 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 182, Generally revise laws on state finance, reducing tax rate if conditions met.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:15:30 Director Kurt Alme, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
EXHIBIT(aph69a02)

09:23:37 Rep. Hamilton joined the meeting

09:23:45 Mitch Tropila, Easterseals Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain

Opponents' Testimony:

09:26:03 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

09:37:30 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

09:40:28 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

09:41:10 Erik Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Testimony:

09:43:54 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

09:44:13 Fin McMichael, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:44:31 Sam Schaefer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:44:54 Vice Chair Regier

09:47:33 Director Alme, OBPP

09:47:40 Ryan Evans, OBPP

09:48:51 Vice Chair Regier

09:49:47 Sen. Hertz

09:50:18 Chair Jones

09:51:01 Sen. Hertz

09:51:16 Rep. Hamilton

09:54:14 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:54:46 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

09:55:03 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:55:40 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

09:56:20 Sam Schaefer, LFD

09:56:46 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division, (LFD)

09:57:08 Rep. Fuller

10:00:45 Director Alme, OBPP

10:01:01 Rep. Moore

10:04:15 Director Alme, OBPP

10:05:42 Vice Chair Cafarro

10:14:55 Director Alme, OBPP

10:15:25 Rep. Windy Boy

10:18:49 Director Alme, OBPP

10:19:53 Rep. Keane

10:22:26 Director Alme, OBPP

10:23:36 Rep. Keogh

10:24:08 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
10:27:33 Rep. Hamilton
10:28:34 Sen. Hertz
10:30:48 Vice Chair Caferro
10:31:21 Sam Schaefer, LFD
10:31:58 Director Alme, OBPP
10:32:47 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:34:10 Director Alme, OBPP
10:34:47 Rep. Windy Boy
10:35:47 Director Alme, OBPP
10:37:14 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:41:00 Director Alme, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

10:41:55 Sen. Hertz

10:46:14 Vice Chair Holmlund assumed the chair

HEARING ON SB 212

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:46:36 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on SB 212, Revise laws related to property tax bills.

EXHIBIT(aph69a03)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:51:47 Ed Caplis, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:52:16 Rep. Bedey
10:52:50 Rep. Jones
10:53:42 Rep. Hamilton
10:56:28 Rep. Jones
10:56:55 Rep. Mercer
10:57:13 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

10:58:28 Rep. Jones

10:58:40 Rep. Jones resumed the chair

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 249

10:59:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 249 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garner, Rep. Hopkins and Rep. Tschida voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00:00

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph69aad.pdf](#))