

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Jones - R, on January 12, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in Room 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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 81 01/10/2023 HB 38 01/10/2023 HB 192 01/09/2023
Executive Action:

15:03:08 Chair Jones
15:03:48 Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting.
15:04:41 Rep. Windy Boy
15:04:49 Chair Jones

HEARING ON HB 38 - Generally revise theft laws to enumerate theft of a light vehicle

Opening Statement:

15:05:08 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40 opened the hearing on HB 38, Generally revise theft laws to enumerate theft of a light vehicle.
15:07:16 Rep. Mercer left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

Non

Opponent Testimony:

15:07:48 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana
15:09:50 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center
15:10:55 Tirza Asbell, Montana Women Vote
15:12:40 Chair Jones

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:13:22 Rep. Windy Boy
15:14:00 Rep. Oblander, HD 40
15:14:41 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.
15:15:14 Rep. Hamilton
15:16:43 Rep. Oblander, HD 40

Closing Statement:

15:17:15 Rep. Oblander, HD 40 closed the hearing on HB 38.

HEARING ON HB 81 - Create new state veterans' cemetery

Opening Statement:

15:18:16 Rep. Mitchell, HD 3 opened the hearing on HB 81, Create new state veterans' cemetery.

Proponent Testimony:

15:19:42 Kelly Ackerman, Administrator, Montana Veteran's Affairs Division

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:20:43 Rep. Moore

15:21:30 Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:22:18 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

15:22:24 Rep. Paul Tuss

15:23:02 Quinn Holzer, LFD

15:23:50 Rep. Hamilton

15:25:00 Rep. Mitchell, HD 3

15:25:30 Chair Jones

Closing Statement:

15:25:52 Rep. Mitchell, HD 3 closed the hearing on HB 81.

HEARING ON HB 192 - Use surplus revenue for income tax and property tax refunds and payment of bonds

Opening Statement:

- 15:26:40 Rep. Mercer, HD 46 opened the hearing on HB 192, Use surplus revenue for income tax and property tax refunds and payment of bonds.
- 15:30:48 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

- 15:41:27 Scott Reichner, American Association of Retired Employees (AARP)

Opponent Testimony:

- 15:42:26 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
- 15:43:34 Jeremy Mygland, self
- 15:48:05 Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting.
- 15:48:41 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.
- 15:48:51 Tirza Asbell, Advocacy Director, Montana Women Vote
- 15:50:53 Cynthia Hills, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

- 15:53:53 Derek Bell, Administrator, Business and Income Tax Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)
- 15:54:10 Kory Hofland, Administrator, Property Assessment Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)
- 15:54:46 Robert Finstad, Deputy Administrator, Technology Services, Department of Revenue (DOR)
- 15:55:12 Aaron Mcnay, Economist, Department of Revenue (DOR)
- 15:55:36 Dylan Cole, Economist, Tax Policy and Research, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

- 15:56:04 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
- 15:56:09 Rep. Jones

15:56:20	Rep. Nave
15:57:03	Rep. Mercer
15:57:21	Rep. Fitzpatrick
15:57:40	Rep. Mercer
15:58:47	Rep. Falk
15:59:16	Rep. Mercer
15:59:44	Derek Bell, DOR
16:00:13	Rep. Tuss
16:00:51	Rep. Mercer
16:03:37	Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:04:24	Dylan Cole, DOR
16:06:37	Rep. Schillinger
16:08:11	Rep. Mercer
16:09:33	Rep. Keogh
16:11:02	Rose Bender, MBPC
16:11:55	Rep. Bedey
16:12:38	Chair Jones
16:13:05	Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.
16:13:36	Rep. Bedey
16:13:53	Rep. Nave
16:14:34	Dylan Cole, DOR
16:15:48	Derek Bell, DOR
16:16:04	Rep. Fitzpatrick
16:16:48	Rep. Mercer

16:17:25	Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:18:01	Aaron McNay, DOR
16:18:36	Rep. Regier joined the meeting.
16:18:57	Rep. Hamilton
16:19:14	Aaron McNay, DOR
16:19:40	Rep. Hamilton
16:20:17	Dylan Cole, DOR
16:20:39	Aaron McNay, DOR
16:21:13	Rep. Hamilton
16:21:30	Aaron McNay, DOR
16:21:39	Rep. Hamilton
16:27:16	Rep. Mercer
16:28:02	Rep. Windy Boy
16:28:52	Aaron McNay, DOR
16:29:22	Rep. Windy Boy
16:33:30	Chair Jones
16:34:06	Rep. Hamilton
16:34:25	Chair Jones
16:34:59	Rep. Caferro
16:38:59	Rep. Mercer
16:40:56	Rep. Mary Caferro
16:42:28	Rep. Mercer
16:42:42	Rep. Falk
16:46:21	Chair Jones

16:47:36 Vice Chair Caferro

16:47:50 Rep. Mercer

16:48:07 Chair Jones

Closing Statement:

16:44:37 Rep. Mercer, HD 46 closed the hearing on HB 192.

Discussion:

15:03:08 Chair Jones

15:03:48 Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting

15:04:41 Rep. Windy Boy

15:04:49 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:48:29

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112APHaad\)](#)