

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on January 25, 2023 at 3:06 PM, in 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (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 79 01/23/2023

HB 82 01/20/2023

HB 188 01/20/2023

HB 221 01/24/2023

HB 270 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

HB 188 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 270 TO TABLE

HB 79 DO PASS

HB 19 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 188 - Extend funding to Coal Board

Opening Statement:

15:08:22 Rep. Gary Parry (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 188, Extend funding to Coal Board.

Discussion:

15:08:23 Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting.

15:11:35 Rep. Moore joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:12:21 Luke Hoffer, IBW Local 233, Laborers Union 636

15:12:50 Jason Rittal, Deputy Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:13:49 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

15:14:31 Corbyn Corbyn, Big Sky Economic Development

15:15:05 John Williams, Mayor, City of Colstrip

15:17:46 Jim Atchison, Executive Director, Southeastern Montana Development

15:18:55 Rep. Gillette left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:20:10 Renee Lemon, Administrator, Community MT Division, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee:

15:20:44 Vice Chair Caferro

15:21:05 Rep. Gary Parry-R

15:23:55 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:26:00 Rep. Gary Parry-R
15:26:46 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
15:27:20 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
15:28:10 Rep. Gary Parry-R
15:28:34 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.
15:29:12 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:29:43 Rep. Gary Parry-R
15:31:05 Renee Lemon, DOC
15:31:19 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:31:37 Renee Lemon, DOC
15:33:38 Rep. Paul Tuss
15:34:08 Renee Lemon, DOC
15:35:20 Rep. Read joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

15:35:54 Rep. Gary Parry (R), HD 39, closed the hearing on HB 188.

HEARING ON HB 270 - Extend sunset on natural resource operation funding

Opening Statement:

15:36:45 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 270, Extend sunset on natural resource operation funding.

Discussion:

15:36:50 Rep. Regier left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:37:27 Dan Walsh, Chief, Mining Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

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15:41:15 Mark Bostrom, Administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division, Department of Natural Resources and Transportation (DNRC)

15:43:20 Matt Vincent, Executive Director, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:46:02 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:46:40 Mark Bostrom, DNRC

15:47:34 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:48:06 Chair Llew Jones

15:49:18 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

15:50:04 Dan Walsh, DEQ

15:51:05 Chair Llew Jones

15:51:18 Dan Walsh, DEQ

Closing Statement:

15:52:28 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 270.

HEARING ON HB 221 - Revise income tax rates for net-long term capital gains

Opening Statement:

15:53:01 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise income tax rates for net-long term capital gains.

Proponent Testimony:

15:56:06 Glenn Oppel, Policy Director, Governor's Office

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16:00:33 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)

16:01:42 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponent Testimony:

16:02:12 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:03:55 Aaron McNay, Tax Policy and Research, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

16:04:16 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:04:42 Aaron McNay, DOR

16:06:35 Rep. Moore

16:07:07 Aaron McNay, DOR

16:07:15 Vice Chair Keenan joined the meeting.

16:08:40 Vice Chair Caferro

16:09:21 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

16:10:20 Chair Jones

16:12:38 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

16:14:08 Vice Chair Caferro

16:14:35 Chair Jones

16:15:29 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:16:08 Aaron McNay, DOR

16:17:11 Rep. Hopkins and Rep. Fitzpatrick left the meeting.

16:17:31 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:17:52 Rep. Tom Welch, HD 72

16:21:52 Rep. Terry Falk

16:22:39 Rep. Tom Welch, HD 72

Closing Statement:

16:22:50 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 221.

HEARING ON HB 79 - Create sexual assault response network program and committee

Opening Statement:

16:24:00 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 79, Create sexual assault response network program and committee.

Proponent Testimony:

16:25:30 Dana Toole, Chief, Special Services Bureau, Criminal Investigation Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:27:15 Kayla Bragg, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

16:28:24 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

16:27:48 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 79.

HEARING ON HB 82 - Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program

Opening Statement:

16:28:23 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 82, Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program.

Proponent Testimony:

16:32:10 John Peter Hronek, Major General, Montana National Guard (MNG)

16:37:34 Roger Hagan, Montana Air and Army National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations, Montana National Guard

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:38:46 Janae Grotbo, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Questions from Committee:

16:39:22 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:39:40 Janae Grotbo, DMA

16:40:07 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:40:24 Chair Llew Jones

16:41:11 Rep. Nikolakakos, HD 26

16:42:18 Rep. Moore

16:43:10 Major General Hronek, MNG

16:44:53 Rep. Gillette left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

16:45:00 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, closed the hearing on HB 82.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 188 - Extend funding to Coal Board

17:00:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 188 DO PASS.**

17:00:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 188 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:47:50 Recessed

16:59:18 Reconvened

17:01:12 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

12:35:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:02:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 188 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:02:32 Rep. Jim Hamilton

12:35:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 22 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270 - Extend sunset on natural resource operation funding

17:03:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 270 DO PASS.**

17:04:40 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 270 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:04:52 Rep. David Bedey

17:05:27 Chair Llew Jones

17:06:28 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

12:35:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:07:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 270 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:08:00 Rep. David Bedey

17:08:57 Rep. Terry Falk

17:09:24 **Substitute Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 270 TO TABLE.**

12:35:27 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 22 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79 - Create sexual assault response network program and committee

17:10:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 79 DO PASS.**

12:35:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 19 - Revising laws related to Indian affairs and economic development

17:11:18 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 19 DO PASS.**

12:35:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:12:24

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230125APHaad\)](#)