

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on January 27, 2023 at 3:13 PM, in 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (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. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

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:

Executive Action:

HB 192 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 212 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 221 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 222 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 251 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 267 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 258 TO TABLE
HB 13 DO PASS AS AMENDED

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

15:14:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 192 DO PASS.**

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

15:14:50 **Motion:** Rep. Bill Mercer moved that **HB 192 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:15:50 Rep. Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

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15:17:21 Rep. Read joined the meeting.

15:18:03 Vice Chair Caferro

15:18:35 Rep. Mercer

15:19:41 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:20:11 Rep. Mercer

15:23:22 Rep. Regier and Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no. Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

15:23:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 192 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:24:23 Rep. Moore

15:25:10 Julie Johnson

15:25:30 Rep. Mercer

15:25:55 Julie Johnson

15:26:49 Vice Chair Caferro

15:27:45 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:28:10 Julie Johnson, LSD

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no. Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

15:29:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 192 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:30:12 Rep. Bill Mercer
15:32:26 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy
15:33:00 Rep. Bill Mercer
15:35:17 Rep. Fitzpatrick
15:36:12 Vice Chair Caferro
15:36:30 Rep. Bill Mercer
07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212 - Increase business equipment tax exemption

15:41:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 212 DO PASS.**
07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
15:41:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 212 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:42:21 Julie Johnson
15:42:52 Vice Chair Mary Caferro
15:43:30 Vice Chair Bob Keenan
15:43:47 Rep. Hopkins left the meeting.
15:43:59 Chair Llew Jones
15:44:33 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:45:00 Julie Johnson
07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy
15:47:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 212 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:47:40 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:50:05 Chair Llew Jones

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

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

15:52:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 221 DO PASS.**

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

15:52:40 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 221 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:53:11 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:53:33 Julie Johnson

15:54:14 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:54:21 Chair Llew Jones

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

15:55:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 221 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:56:00 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

15:56:30 Chair Llew Jones

16:03:09 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:05:45 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

16:06:24 Rep. Naarah Hastings

16:06:50 Chair Llew Jones

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 222 - Provide rebates of property taxes paid on a principal residence

16:09:18 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 222 DO PASS.**

- 07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:09:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 222 BE AMENDED.**
- 07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy
- 16:12:34 **Motion:** Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 222 BE AMENDED.**
- 07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 16 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy
- 16:15:45 **Motion:** Rep. Jim Hamilton moved that **HB 222 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 16:18:43 Chair Llew Jones
- 07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 15 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Read, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy
- 16:22:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 222 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 16:22:55 Rep. Jerry Schillinger
- 16:24:24 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
- 07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 251 - Provide budget stability through investment and liability reduction

- 16:26:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 251 DO PASS.**
- 07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:26:40 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 251 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 16:27:08 Julie Johnson

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

16:30:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 251 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:30:40 Rep. Gillette

16:32:08 Rep. Bill Mercer

16:33:12 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:34:38 Rep. Keogh

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:35:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 251 BE AMENDED.**

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

16:36:56 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 251 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 267 - Create SAFER account for federal highway grants

16:38:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 267 DO PASS.**

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

16:38:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 267 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:38:35 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

16:38:50 Chair Llew Jones

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

16:44:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 267 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 258 - Providing a one-time refund for occupying a Montana residence

16:45:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 258 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:45:54 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:46:26 Rep. Jim Hamilton

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 15 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Read, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

16:50:56 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 258 TO TABLE.**

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 13 - State Employee Pay Plan and revising laws governing state employees

16:49:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 13 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:50:25 Julie Johnson

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

16:51:47 **Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 13 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:51:45 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

16:52:20 Rep. Fitzpatrick

16:52:37 Julie Johnson

07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:53:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **HB 13 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:53:35 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy
16:53:51 Quinn Holzer
16:54:22 Chair Llew Jones
07:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Nave, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:01:14

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230127APHaad\)](#)