

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Llew Jones-R, on February 02, 2023 at 3:11 PM, in 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. Jane Gillette (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. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 219 01/31/2023
HB 367 01/30/2023

Executive Action:

HB 245 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 3 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 223 POSTPONE
CONSIDERATION

**HEARING ON HB 219 - Exempt certain military pensions and survivor benefits from
income taxes**

Opening Statement:

15:12:58 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 219, Exempt certain military pensions and survivor benefits from income taxes.

Discussion:

15:13:00 Rep. Windy Boy and Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:15:25 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion, Montana National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:17:03 Rep. Fiona Nave
15:17:46 Rep. Kerns, HD 23
15:18:30 Rep. Hastings joined the meeting.
15:19:02 Rep. David Bedey
15:19:44 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
15:20:15 Roger Hagan, American Legion
15:20:51 Rep. Read joined the meeting.
15:21:15 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy
15:21:39 Roger Hagan, American Legion
15:22:22 Rep. Llew Jones
15:23:17 Roger Hagan, American Legion
15:24:10 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:24:33 Roger Hagan, American Legion
15:29:00 Rep. Terry Falk
15:29:48 Rep. Kerns, HD 23
15:30:33 Vice Chair Caferro
15:32:24 Roger Hagan, American Legion
15:33:18 Rep. Fiona Nave
15:34:00 Rep. Llew Jones

Closing Statement:

15:36:54 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 219.

Discussion:

15:38:45 Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Hopkins left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 367 - Providing clarification for use of federal funds for data modernization

Opening Statement:

15:39:26 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 367, Providing clarification for use of federal funds for data modernization.

Proponent Testimony:

15:46:42 Doug Reisig, Coalition of Advocates

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:49:28 Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee:

15:49:57 Rep. David Bedey

15:50:57 Misty Ann Giles, DOA
15:52:02 Rep. David Bedey
15:52:21 Rep. Bob Keenan
15:52:41 Rep. Gillette left the meeting.
15:52:46 Rep. Bill Mercer
15:55:26 Rep. David Bedey
15:55:44 Vice Chair Caferro left the meeting.
15:56:30 Rep. Fiona Nave
15:57:16 Rep. David Bedey
15:58:10 Rep. Llew Jones
16:00:00 Rep. Falk left the meeting.
16:00:08 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

Closing Statement:

16:00:54 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 367.

Discussion:

16:00:16 Rep. Schillinger joined the meeting, and Rep. Bedey left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 245 - Revise tax credit for trades education and training

16:05:45 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 245 DO PASS.**
16:05:45 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
16:06:18 **Motion:** Rep. Mary Caferro moved that **HB 245 BE AMENDED.**
16:06:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:08:14 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 245 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:08:28 Rep. Bill Mercer

16:09:20 Rep. Schillinger
16:10:07 Vice Chair Caferro
16:08:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 11 by voice vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Read, Rep. Schillinger, voting no.
Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 3 - Supplemental Appropriations Bill

16:13:01 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 3 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:04:50 Rep Caferro joined the meeting.
16:07:02 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter and Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting.
16:13:13 Rep. Falk joined the meeting.
16:14:12 Quinn Holzer

16:13:01 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

16:15:32 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:16:16 Amy Sassano, Deputy Director, Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)
16:15:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 22 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Nave, voting no.
16:18:14 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:23:35 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:18:52 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:19:27 Rep. Bill Mercer
16:20:27 Rep. Jim Hamilton
16:20:45 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:21:18 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
16:22:12 Rep. Bob Keenan
16:22:30 Amy Sassano, OBPP

16:22:45 Rep. Terry Falk
16:23:44 Rep. John Fitzpatrick
16:18:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:24:30 **Motion:** Rep. Terry Moore moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED.**
16:24:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:26:02 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:26:25 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:27:20 Rep. Fiona Nave
16:27:37 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:30:52 Rep. Jim Hamilton
16:26:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no. Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy
16:33:22 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:32:52 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:33:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:35:00 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 3 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
16:35:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223 - Expanding the disabled veteran property tax assistance program

16:37:22 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 223 DO PASS.**
16:37:22 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
16:37:30 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 223 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:37:46 Rep. Jim Hamilton
16:41:03 Quinn Holzer
16:41:33 Julie Johnson

- 16:41:40 Rep. Llew Jones
- 16:37:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy
- 16:42:00 **Motion:** Rep. Llew Jones moved that **HB 223 POSTPONE CONSIDERATION.**
- 16:42:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:43:11

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230202APHaad\)](#)