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Amendments to House Bill No. 2
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Requested by Senator Jon Tester

For the Free Conference Committee

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1. Page E-4, line 24.
Strike: "40,000" [general fund FY06]
Insert: "100,275" [general fund FY06]

Explanation - This amendment adds $60,275 general fund (OTO/Restricted) to the Montana Arts Council and increases DP 7000, which provides additional money for Cultural and Aesthetic Grants. The funding replaces interest that will be lost in the Cultural and Aesthetic Project Fund as a result of a transfer in HB 9 that removes $500,000 to fund the Great Plains Dinosaur Park in Malta.

Funding

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Dear Senator Story:

I am writing in response to your request for an analysis of the procedure to be used during this session for conference committees. Joint Rule 30-30 provides for conference committees. It provides that if either house requests a conference and appoints a committee for the purpose of discussing an amendment on which the two houses cannot agree, the other house shall appoint a committee for the same purpose. The time and place of all conference committee meetings must be agreed upon by their chairs and announced from the rostrum. This announcement is in order at any time. Failure to make this announcement does not affect the validity of the legislation being considered. A conference committee meeting must be conducted as an open meeting, and minutes of the meeting must be kept. A conference committee, having conferred, shall report to the respective houses the result of its conference. A conference committee shall confine itself to consideration of the disputed amendment. The committee may recommend the acceptance or rejection of each disputed amendment in its entirety or further amendment of the disputed amendment. If either house requests a free conference committee and the other house concurs, appointments must be made in the same manner as for a conference committee. A free conference committee may discuss a bill in its entirety and is not confined to a particular amendment. This rule does not specifically require that a conference committee meet and attempt to resolve the differences concerning the disputed amendments prior to appointing a free conference committee. However, section 773 of Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure (2000) provides that this is the normal procedure.

Senate Rule S30-10(3) provides that the President of the Senate appoints conference committees with the advice of the floor leaders. House Rule H40-220(4) provides that conference committees must be composed of an equal number of members from each political party. The members of conference committees must be appointed by the House Democratic Leader and the House Republican Leader after good faith consultation. Each leader shall appoint the members of the leader's respective party.

Senate Rule S50-210(3) provides that if the Senate rejects the House amendments to Senate legislation, the Senate may request the House to recede from its amendments or may direct appointment of a conference committee and request the House to appoint a like committee. Senate Rule S50-110 provides that when a conference committee report is filed with the Secretary of the Senate, the report must be read under Order of Business No. 3, select committees, and placed on the calendar the succeeding legislative day for consideration on second reading. If recommended favorably by the Committee of the Whole, it may be considered on third reading the same legislative day. If both the Senate and the House of Representatives