

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD, on January 12, 2007 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**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 12, 1/9/2007  
Executive Action: None

00:00:05 Chairman John Sinrud

**HEARING ON HB 12**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:29 Rep. Tim Callahan (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 12, Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services.

**Proponent Testimony:**

00:02:32 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties

00:08:15 Mike Weber, Richland County Attorney, President, County Attorney's Association

**EXHIBIT (aph08a01)**

00:14:28 Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney

00:17:36 Merle Ranf, Shelby, Toole County Attorney

00:22:13 Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director, Department of Justice

**EXHIBIT (aph08a02)**

00:25:34 John Connor, Chief Criminal Counsel, Department of Justice

00:29:36 Bill Unger, Administrator, Forensics Division, State Crime Lab, Missoula

**EXHIBIT (aph08a03)**

**EXHIBIT (aph08a04)**

00:36:00 Jim Smith, Lobbyist, Montana County Attorneys' Association

00:37:12 Charles Brooks, Lobbyist, Yellowstone County Commissioners

**Opponent Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:38:21 Rep. Ray Hawk

00:39:14 Larry Fasbender

00:40:12 Rep. Hawk

00:40:20 Mr. Fasbender

00:40:39 Rep. Hawk

00:41:08 Bill Unger

00:41:59 Rep. Hawk

00:42:15 Bill Unger

00:42:36 Rep. Rick Ripley

00:43:25 Rep. Callahan

00:44:41 Rep. Ripley

**Questions from Committee Members Continued:**

00:45:01 Rep. Hawk  
00:45:18 Pat Gervais, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Divn.  
00:45:44 Rep. Sesso  
00:45:50 Bill Unger  
00:45:57 Rep. Sesso  
00:46:20 Mr. Unger  
00:46:30 Rep. Sesso  
00:47:21 Skip Culver, Central Services Division, Dept of Justice  
00:47:59 Rep. Sesso  
00:48:31 Mr. Culver  
00:48:56 Rep. Sesso  
  
00:49:06 Rep. Musgrove left the room  
  
00:49:37 Mr. Culver  
00:50:06 Chairman Sinrud  
00:50:29 Mr. Unger  
00:51:06 Chairman Sinrud  
00:51:33 Mr. Unger  
00:52:05 Chairman Sinrud  
00:52:19 Mr. Unger  
00:52:37 Chairman Sinrud  
00:52:54 Mr. Unger  
00:53:06 Rep. Joey Jayne  
00:54:22 Jon Moe, Staffer  
00:55:11 Rep. Jayne  
00:55:33 Mr. Moe  
00:55:37 Rep. Jayne  
00:55:58 Rep. Callahan  
  
00:56:45 Rep. McChesney left the room  
  
00:56:50 Rep. Jayne  
00:57:22 Rep. Callahan  
00:58:01 Pat Gervais  
00:58:18 Chairman Sinrud  
00:58:30 Rep. Jayne  
00:58:48 Ms. Gervais  
00:59:25 Rep. Jayne  
00:59:31 Ms. Gervais  
00:59:39 Rep. Bill Beck  
01:00:48 Mr. Weber  
01:01:37 Rep. Dave Kasten  
01:02:13 Mr. Raff  
01:02:31 Rep. Jack Wells  
01:04:39 Marty Lambert  
01:06:28 Rep. Wells  
01:06:56 Mr. Lambert

**Questions from Committee Members Continued:**

01:07:55 Rep. Wells  
01:10:13 Mr. Lambert  
01:11:30 Rep. Wells  
01:13:08 Ms. Gervais  
01:13:29 Rep. Hawk  
01:14:30 Rep. Callahan  
01:14:39 Chairman Sinrud  
01:18:00 Mr. Unger  
01:19:13 Chairman Sinrud  
01:19:29 Mr. Unger

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:44 Rep. Callahan  
  
01:20:12 Chairman Sinrud

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:50 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph08aad.pdf](#))**