

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Chairman John Sinrud, on February 6, 2007 at 2:54 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. Dave Kasten (R)
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: Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 472, HB 512, HB 480, HB 214, HB 198, HB 339, 2/2/2007
Executive Action: HB 11

HEARING ON HB 472**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:05 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 472, Appropriate funding for drug courts.

EXHIBIT (aph26a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:11 Rep. Tom McGillvray
00:10:07 Pam Bunke, Administrator, Community Corrections Division
00:11:56 Don Hargrove, Montana Meth Project; former Senator
00:12:58 John Prinkki, President, Montana Association of Counties; Commissioner, Carbon County
00:13:28 Jani McCall, City of Billings; Montana Childrens' Initiative Provider Association(MCIPA); Billings Clinic
00:14:14 Mark Nonnig, Billings, former Representative, member of steering committee
00:16:35 Pam Bucy, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:17:17 Cathy Day, Public Policy Director, ACLU
00:18:23 Charles Brooks, Billings, Yellowstone Board of County Commissioners; Billings Area Chamber of Commerce
00:19:34 Rep. Ron Stoker
00:20:34 Pat Melby, Billings, Rimrock Foundation
00:21:39 Doug Kaercher, County Commissioner, Hill County

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:30 District Court Judge, Mike Salvagni, Gallatin County Treatment Center
00:34:17 Eric Bryson, Director, Court Services, Gallatin County
EXHIBIT (aph26a02)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:47 Rep. Morgan
00:37:18 Rep. Arntzen
00:41:33 Rep. Morgan
00:45:39 Mr. Nonnig
00:46:03 Rep. Wells
00:47:24 Judge Salvagni
00:49:59 Rep. Wells
00:52:04 Rep. Arntzen
00:53:23 Rep. Taylor

00:53:30 Rep. Arntzen
00:54:15 Rep. Hawk
00:54:50 Rep. John Parker
00:56:48 Rep. Hawk
00:56:54 Rep. Parker
00:57:40 Rep. Witte
00:58:03 Rep. Arntzen
00:58:22 Rep. Witte
01:00:33 Judge Salvagni
01:02:10 Rep. Beck
01:03:27 Rep. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:19 Rep. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:09:56 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 512, Fund certain local government infrastructure projects.

EXHIBIT (aph26a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:19 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman
01:17:03 Rep. Ron Stoker, Town of Darby
01:18:35 Rep. Bob Lake, Town of Hamilton
01:19:34 Dave Aune, Principal, Great West Engineering
01:22:28 Annmarie Robinson, Town of Big Sandy
01:23:52 Paul Montgomery, Principal, Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Helena
01:25:58 Sen. Jerry Black
01:27:47 Sen. Rick Laible
01:29:49 John Wilson, Public Works Director, City of Whitefish
01:30:47 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
01:31:49 Rep. Dave Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:33:55 Jim Edgcomb, Manager, Treasure State Endowment Program

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:17 Rep. Wells
01:35:52 Mr. Edgcomb
01:36:30 Rep. Wells
1:37:14 Rep. Llew Jones
01:37:30 Rep. Ripley
01:38:08 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:46 Rep. Llew Jones

HEARING ON HB 480**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:40:44 Rep. Bob Lake (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 480, Fund restoration, operation, and maintenance of Daly mansion.

[EXHIBIT \(aph26a04\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:46:26 Sharon Schroeder, President, Daly Mansion Preservation Trust; Publisher of Ravalli Republic in Hamilton
01:49:15 Sen. Rick Laible
01:51:23 Kim Morris, Executive Director, Daly Mansion
01:53:15 Jeanette McKee, former Representative; former President, Daly Mansion Preservation Trust
01:58:27 Homer Staves, Billings, President, Travel Industry Association of Montana
02:00:47 Tim Babcock, former Governor of Montana
02:02:07 Rep. Gary MaClaren
02:03:09 Rep. Ron Stoker
02:03:41 Pat Keim, Helena, Daly Mansion Preservation Trust
02:04:54 Rep. Ray Hawk

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:17 Rep. Morgan
02:06:38 Mr. Staves
02:08:18 Ms. McKee
02:08:55 Rep. Morgan
02:09:16 Rep. Lake

02:10:12 Rep. Ripley
02:12:11 Rep. Lake
02:12:21 Rep. Kasten
02:12:41 Rep. Lake
02:13:54 Ms. Morris
02:14:01 Rep. Witte
02:15:44 Rep. Lake
02:16:00 Rep. Musgrove
02:19:23 Ms. McKee
02:19:33 Rep. Beck
02:19:45 Ms. McKee
02:21:36 Rep. Kasten
02:23:04 Ms. McKee

Closing by Sponsor:

02:24:58 Rep. Lake

HEARING ON HB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:27:18 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 214, Make foster care funds available to tribes.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:29:42 Mary Ann Akers, Founder, former Program Officer, Indian Child and Family Resource Center, Helena
02:32:28 Kathy Deserly, President, Indian Child and Family Resource Center, Helena; former Indian Child Welfare Specialist for Child and Family Services
02:34:45 Jani McCall, MCIPA
02:35:38 Wilma Tyner, Social Services Director, Rocky Boy Reservation, Chippewa Cree Tribe

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:36:28 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Children and Family Services, DPHHS

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:38:14 Rep. Kasten
02:38:46 Ms. Brown
02:39:11 Rep. Hawk
02:39:43 Ms. Brown

02:40:53 Rep. Morgan
02:42:41 Rep. Windy Boy
02:43:28 Ms. Akers
02:44:00 Rep. Wells
02:45:05 Ms. Akers
02:45:33 Rep. Wells
02:45:53 Rep. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:32 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:47:59 Rep. William Jones (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 198, Increase CHIP dental benefit.

[EXHIBIT \(aph26a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph26a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:58:10 Mary McCue, Executive Director, Montana Dental Association
03:02:41 Olivia Riutta, WEEL
03:04:23 Jackie Boyle, AARP Montana
03:05:33 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic; MCIPA; also speaking for Mike Foster, Saint Vincent Healthcare
03:06:02 Rep. Bill McChesney

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

03:07:10 Mary Dalton, Administrator, Health Resources Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:07:34 Rep. Taylor
03:08:10 Ms. Dalton
03:08:39 Rep. Clark
03:08:48 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division

Closing by Sponsor:

03:09:57 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 338**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:12:41 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 338, Paid leave for certain state employees for disaster and emergency.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

03:14:59 Randy Morris, Department of Administration, State Personnel Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:16:52 Rep. Wells
03:17:51 Rep. Cohenour
03:19:08 Rep. Sinrud
03:21:29 Mr. Morris
03:22:40 Mr. Morris
03:23:05 Rep. McChesney
03:23:36 Mr. Morris
03:24:27 Rep. Ripley
03:26:21 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

03:26:57 Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 339**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:29:08 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 339, Vehicle fee increase to fund car seat program.

EXHIBIT (aph26a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

03:34:06 Lieutenant Colonel Mike Tooley, Montana Highway Patrol, Department of Justice (DOJ)
03:34:48 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic, MCIPA

Opponents' Testimony:

03:35:09 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers' Association

Informational Testimony:

03:36:21 Patti Carroll, State Coordinator, Safe Kids-Montana

03:39:20 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:40:01 Rep. Small-Eastman

[EXHIBIT \(aph26a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph26a09\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 11

03:45:06 **Motion:** Rep. Kasten moved that **HB 11 DO PASS.**

Motion: Rep. Kasten moved to **AMEND HB 11.**

[EXHIBIT \(aph26a10\)](#)

Discussion:

03:46:34 Rep. Kasten explained the amendment

03:47:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

03:47:44 **Motion:** Rep. Kasten moved to **FURTHER AMEND HB 11.**

[EXHIBIT \(aph26a11\)](#)

Discussion:

03:48:10 Rep Kasten

03:48:32 Rep. Taylor

03:48:47 Rep. Witte

03:49:04 Rep. Musgrove

03:49:24 Rep. Kasten

03:50:34 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

03:51:45 Rep. Beck

03:52:24 Rep. Kasten

03:52:45 Rep. Wells

03:53:34 Rep. Kasten

03:54:13 Rep. Wells

03:54:20 Rep. Sinrud

03:54:54 Rep. Wells

03:55:14 Ms. Duncan

03:56:35 Rep. Wells

03:56:56 Rep. Hawk

03:57:35 Rep. Sinrud
03:58:19 Rep. Glaser
03:59:04 Rep. Hawk
04:00:55 Rep. Kasten

04:00:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hollenbaugh, and Rep. Hawk voting no. Rep. Jayne, Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hollenbaugh, and Rep. Sesso voted by proxy.

04:04:30 **Vote:** Rep. Kasten moved HB 11 as amended.

Discussion:

04:05:00 Rep. Glaser
04:08:57 Rep. Musgrove
04:09:31 Rep. Ripley
04:09:38 Rep. Kasten

04:10:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously, 19-0 by roll call vote with Rep. Jayne, Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hollenbaugh, and Rep. Sesso voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:07 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph26aad.pdf](#))