

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Janna Taylor, on February 15, 2007 at 9:05 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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: Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)

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 495, HB 516, HB 502, HB 505, HB 518, 2/12/2007

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 495

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 495, Continue state building energy conservation program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:07 Rep. Mike Phillips

00:12:39 Louise Moore, Bureau Chief, Air, Energy and Pollution Prevention, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT (aph34a01)

00:20:09 David Ewer, State Budget Director

00:25:13 Anna Peterson, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:54 Rep. Kasten

00:26:37 Rep. Sesso

00:26:55 Rep. Kasten

00:30:40 Ms. Moore

00:30:58 Rep. Kasten

00:31:32 Georgia Brensdal, DEQ

00:32:37 Rep. Ripley

00:33:00 Mr. Ewer

00:33:13 Rep. Ripley

00:34:30 Ms. Moore

00:35:02 Rep. Beck

00:38:27 Ms. Moore

00:38:49 Rep. Taylor

00:39:08 Mr. Ewer

00:39:47 Rep. Taylor

00:39:55 Rep. Kasten

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:20 Rep. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 516**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:01 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 516, Fund affordable housing revolving loan act.

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:23 Michael O'Neil, Montana Home Choice Coalition;
also brought written testimony from Olivia Riutta, WEEL

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a05\)](#)

00:57:16 Terry Kendrick, representing Judy Smith, HomeWORD
adult affordable housing; read testimony into record

00:58:41 Gene Lewer, Montana Executive Council

01:01:50 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a06\)](#)

01:06:32 Byron Roberts, Montana Building Industry

01:03:52 Charlie Brygs, Montana Association of Community
Development Services

01:06:58 Betty Christenson, self, retired nurse

01:09:00 Del Lonnquist, volunteer, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a07\)](#)

01:09:48 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, Schools of Montana

01:12:22 Mary McCue, Association of HRDC Directors

01:12:58 Beth Brenneman, Montana Advocacy Program

01:13:50 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:52 Rep. Kasten

01:15:37 Mr. Roberts

01:16:16 Rep. Kasten

01:17:20 Rep. Hands

01:17:47 Rep. Beck

01:22:05 Rep. Hands

01:22:28 Rep. Witte

01:24:32 Rep. Hands

01:25:36 Rep. Sesso

01:31:11 Rep. Hands

01:31:59 Rep. Sesso
01:32:33 Mr. Roberts

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:13 Rep. Hands

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:35:35 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 502, Revise gambling law.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:37:35 Sherri Meador, appointed member of Governor's Task Force on Horse Racing

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph34a09\)](#)

01:44:38 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman

01:49:12 Rep. Bruce Malcolm

01:50:49 Paul Pryor, representing the 350 member Montana Race Horse Breeders' and Owners' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:52:01 Gene Huntington, Administrator, Gambling Control Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:16 Rep. Wells
01:53:56 Rep. Gallik
01:54:35 Rep. Wells
01:54:57 Mr. Huntington
01:55:12 Rep. Wells
01:56:33 Mr. Pryor
01:58:44 Rep. Morgan
01:59:31 Mr. Pryor
02:00:28 Rep. Ripley
02:02:15 Mr. Pryor
02:03:24 Rep. Witte
02:04:01 Mr. Huntington
02:04:22 Rep. McChesney
02:08:19 Ms. Meador

02:09:09 Rep. Clark
02:09:30 Mr. Pryor

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:22 Rep. Gallik

HEARING ON HB 505

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:15:11 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 505, Promote use of alternative transportation.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:16:32 Anna Peterson, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:17:20 Louise Moore, Chief of Air Energy and Pollution Bureau, DEQ

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:17:36 Rep. Morgan
02:18:03 Rep. Gallik
02:18:55 Rep. Morgan
02:19:41 Ms. Moore
02:19:59 Rep. Wells
02:21:45 Ms. Moore
02:22:06 Rep. Morgan
02:22:38 Ms. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:08 Rep. Gallik

HEARING ON HB 518

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:24:07 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 518, Supervised visitation and exchange monitoring pilot program.

EXHIBIT (aph34a10)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:26:36 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Montana Coalition Against Domestic
and Sexual Violence; also representing Cindy Weese,
Director, YWCA Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:27:47 Rep. Ripley
02:28:20 Rep. French
02:28:28 Rep. Jayne
02:34:18 Rep. French
02:35:50 Rep. Witte
02:36:06 Rep. French
02:36:27 Rep. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

02:36:50 Rep. French

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:44 A.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph34aad.pdf](#))