

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By Vice Chairman Janna Taylor, on March 20, 2007  
at 8:11 A.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. 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. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Craig Witte (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 677, HB 639, HB 736, HB 788, HB  
773, HB 697, 3/13/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 677**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:00 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 677, Fund after school programs.

[EXHIBIT \(aph59a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph59a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:13 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT \(aph59a03\)](#)

00:09:45 Rick Robinson, former Director, Boys and Girls Club, Lame Deer

00:15:28 Mary Place Allyn, Director, Boys and Girls Club, Missoula

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:16:49 Patty Jocks, Board of Crime Control

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:39 Rep. Beck

00:18:25 Ms. Jocks

00:20:29 Rep. Beck

00:20:33 Mr. Robinson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:09 Rep. Arntzen

**HEARING ON HB 639**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:36 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 639, Create volunteer EMT retirement system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:16 Cliff Christian, American Heart Association, American Stroke Association

00:29:25 Rep. Sinrud assumed the chair

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:33:49 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

00:37:08 Roxanne Minnehan, Public Employee Retirement  
Administration

**EXHIBIT (aph59a04)**

00:41:17 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

00:42:09 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:18 Rep. Kasten

00:46:18 Rep. Bergren

00:48:32 Rep. Beck

00:50:27 Rep. Bergren

00:51:30 Rep. Taylor

00:52:32 Rep. Bergren

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:44 Rep. Bergren

**HEARING ON HB 736**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:53:31 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB  
736, Fund state shelter care facilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:55:10 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Initiative Providers'  
Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:58:08 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child and Family  
Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:59:54 Rep. Kasten

01:00:00 Ms. Brown

01:00:55 Rep. Taylor

01:02:06 Ms. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:321 Rep. Villa

**HEARING ON HB 788**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:07 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 788, Revise veterans war bonus program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:08:38 Roger Hagan, Montana Air and Army National Guard Officers' Enlisted Associations

01:12:28 Colonel Jim Jacobson, United States Army Retired; American Legion

01:17:59 Dan Antonetti, Veterans of Foreign Wars

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:19:24 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Division

01:19:47 Lieutenant Colonel James P. Moran

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:21:05 Rep. Beck

01:21:42 Col. Jacobson

01:22:09 Rep. Taylor

01:22:42 Col. Jacobson

01:22:56 Rep. Taylor

01:23:02 Col. Jacobson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:30 Rep. Ankney

**HEARING ON HB 773**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:24:55 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 773, Require state to pay for certain veterans funerals.

**EXHIBIT** (aph59a05)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:27:38 Brad Chilcott, Board of Commissioners, Ravalli County;  
Montana Association of Counties (MACo).

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:28:33 Joe Foster, Montana Veterans Affairs Division  
01:28:50 Lieutenant Colonel James P. Moran

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:56 Rep. Taylor  
01:30:13 Rep. MacLaren  
01:30:22 Rep. Franklin  
01:31:00 Mr. Chilcott  
01:31:12 Rep. Wells  
01:31:36 Rep. MacLaren  
01:31:53 Rep. Wells  
01:32:04 Rep. MacLaren  
01:32:23 Rep. Wells  
01:32:42 Rep. MacLaren

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:32:51 Rep. MacLaren

**HEARING ON HB 697**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:33:21 Rep. Joey Jayne (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB  
697, Study commission on death penalty.

**[EXHIBIT \(aph59a06\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:44:51 Ron Waterman, Attorney at Law, Helena  
**[EXHIBIT \(aph59a07\)](#)**  
01:51:50 Amanda Arnold, Abolition Coalition

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:53:41 Rep. Kasten  
01:55:08 Ms. Arnold  
01:55:28 Rep. Kasten  
01:58:21 Mr. Waterman  
01:59:36 Rep. Wells  
02:00:23 Rep. Jayne  
02:00:55 Rep. Wells  
02:02:05 Mr. Waterman  
02:03:16 Rep. Beck  
02:09:07 Rep. Jayne  
02:09:28 Rep. Hawk  
02:10:02 Rep. Jayne  
02:10:56 Mr. Waterman  
02:11:50 Rep. Taylor  
02:12:34 Rep. Jayne  
02:14:12 Rep. Ripley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:17:55 Rep. Jayne  
02:21:02 Break

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 808**

02:51:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glaser moved **HB 808 DO PASS.**

02:51:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glaser moved **TO AMEND.** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote, with Rep. Franklin, Rep. Jayne, Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hiner, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Sesso, and Rep. Musgrove voting no. Rep. Witte, Rep. Sesso, Rep. Clark, and Rep. Morgan voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT (aph59a08)**

02:55:40 **Motion:** Rep. Glaser moved **HB 808 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote, with Rep. Franklin, Rep. Jayne, Rep. Callahan, Rep. Hiner, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Sesso, and Rep. Musgrove voting no. Rep. Witte, Rep. Clark, and Rep. Morgan voted by proxy.

**Additional Exhibits:**

**EXHIBIT (aph59a09)**

**EXHIBIT (aph59a10)**

**EXHIBIT (aph59a11)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:10 A.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph59aad.pdf](#))**