

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** By Chairman John Sinrud, on April 2, 2007 at  
4:02 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. 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. Edith Clark (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

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

**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 79, SB 839, 3/30/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 79**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:21 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 79, Change manner of funding long-range building program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:27 Rep. Kasten  
00:06:43 Tom O'Connell, State Architect, Architectural and Engineering Division

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:10:06 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:30 Rep. Hawk  
00:12:41 Ms. Duncan  
00:13:00 Rep. Morgan  
00:15:09 Ms. Duncan  
00:16:03 Rep. Sesso  
00:18:59 Mr. O'Connell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:20:09 Sen. Laible

**HEARING ON HB 839**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:35 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 839, Health care funding by tax on video gambling.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:24:26 Olivia Riutta, WEEL  
00:27:45 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network  
00:30:02 Terry Kendrick, Policy Institute  
00:31:35 Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:33:10 Mark Staples, Attorney, Montana Tavern Association

00:39:47 Rich Miller, Executive Director, Gaming Division

**EXHIBIT (aph70b01)**

00:42:32 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators

**Informational Testimony:**

00:45:31 Mary Dalton, Administrator, Health Resources Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:45:52 Rep. Jayne

00:50:20 Rep. Caferro

00:50:30 Rep. Jayne

00:52:15 Ms. Dalton

00:53:02 Rep. Kasten

00:53:23 Rep. Sinrud

00:53:28 Rep. Wells

00:54:06 Ms. Abbott

00:54:57 Rep. Wells

00:58:34 Ms. Riutta

00:59:28 Rep. Wells

01:00:52 Mr. Staples

01:03:44 Rep. Ripley

01:04:07 Mr. Staples

01:04:44 Rep. Ripley

01:05:42 Ms. Riutta

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:28 Rep. Caferro

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph70bad.pdf](#))**