

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** By VICE CHAIRMAN JANNA TAYLOR, on January 18, 2007 at 3:16 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 189, HB 191, HB 204, 1/11/2007  
Executive Action: None

00:00:08 Vice Chairman Taylor

**HEARING ON HB 189**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:20 Rep. Douglas Cordier (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on  
HB 189, Establish baseline data for Flathead River.

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:43 Sen. John Brueggeman

00:11:39 Don Laranger, Bigfork, MT

00:13:28 Larry Ashcraft, Yellow Bay, MT

00:14:29 Rich Moy, Chairman, Flathead Basin Commission

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a05\)](#)

00:17:37 Kathleen Burrage, Lobbyist, Montana Tribes,  
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a06\)](#)

00:20:59 Rep. Ripley

00:21:21 Carl Schweiter, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

00:21:38 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters, for Mark  
Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:22:04 Ed Heger, North Fork Landowners Assn

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a07\)](#)

00:23:28 Joe Unterreiner, Citizen, Flathead County

00:24:02 Diane Boyd, Scientist and Landowner, Flathead County;  
also representing Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a09\)](#)

00:25:13 Robin Steinkraus, Executive Director, Flathead Lakers

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a10\)](#)

00:26:59 Paul Edwards, Landowner

[EXHIBIT \(aph12a11\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

00:27:35 Chairman Sinrud arrived

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:55 Rep. Hawk  
00:28:47 Mr. Rich Moy  
00:30:14 Jon Moe, Staffer  
00:30:44 Rep. Ripley  
00:37:21 Mr. Moy  
00:37:35 Rep. Morgan  
00:40:58 Mr. Moy  
00:41:10 Rep. Kasten  
00:43:57 Mr. Moy  
00:44:41 Rep. Wells  
00:48:50 Mr. Moy  
00:49:34 Rep. Wells  
00:50:16 Rep. Sesso  
00:51:42 Mr. Moy  
00:52:04 Rep. Sesso  
00:52:52 Rep. Cordier  
00:53:05 Rep. Taylor  
00:53:54 Rep. Cordier  
00:55:19 Rep. Hawk  
00:55:55 Rep. Cordier  
00:56:18 Rep. Hawk  
00:57:20 Mr. Moy  
00:57:58 Rep. Kasten  
00:59:09 Rep. Cordier  
00:59:33 Rep. Sinrud  
01:00:12 Rep. Cordier  
01:00:19 Rep. Sinrud  
01:03:23 Mr. Moy  
01:04:13 Rep. Callahan  
01:04:57 Rep. Taylor  
01:05:17 Rep. Sesso  
01:06:15 Rep. McChesney  
01:06:33 Mr. Moy  
01:06:48 Rep. Jayne  
01:08:18 Mr. Moy  
01:08:52 Rep. Witte  
01:09:11 Mr. Moy  
01:10:59 Rep. Beck  
01:11:24 Mr. Moy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:13:25 Rep. Cordier  
01:15:28 Rep. Sinrud

**HEARING ON HB 191**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:15:46 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 191, Appropriation for county infrastructure.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:25:31 Linda Stoll, Missoula County representing Greg Robinson, Public Works Director

01:26:23 Eric Griffin, Director Public Works, Lewis & Clark County

**EXHIBIT (aph12a12)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:10 Rep. Kasten  
01:29:05 Rep. Erickson  
01:30:04 Rep. Sesso  
01:30:59 Rep. Sinrud  
01:31:09 Rep. Erickson  
01:32:04 Rep. McChesney  
01:33:24 Rep. Erickson  
01:33:52 Rep. Hawk  
01:35:35 Rep. Erickson  
01:35:51 Rep. Ripley  
01:37:27 Rep. Erickson  
01:37:33 Rep. Kasten  
01:37:57 Rep. Taylor  
01:39:04 Rep. Erickson  
01:39:26 Rep. Beck  
01:42:19 Rep. Erickson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:42:34 Rep. Erickson

**HEARING ON HB 204**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:43:41 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 204, Revise state expenditure limit.

**Proponent Testimony:**

01:47:11 Rep. Scott Mendenhall

**Opponent Testimony:**

01:54:04 David Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office  
02:01:23 Jim Ahrens, President Montana Hospital Association  
02:02:05 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemens' Association  
02:03:02 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana

**EXHIBIT (aph12a13)****EXHIBIT (aph12a14)**

02:06:18 Verner Bertelson, Citizen  
02:07:45 Terry Minow, Citizen, MEA-MFT  
02:10:27 Linda Gryczan, Business & Professional Women and  
Montana Womens' Lobby  
02:11:21 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
02:12:11 Jackie Boyle, Not In Montana Coalition

**EXHIBIT (aph12a15)**

02:13:06 Janie McCall, Billings Clinic and Montana Childrens'  
Initiative  
02:13:24 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber Of commerce  
02:14:32 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters  
02:14:50 Don Judge, Teamsters Local 190  
02:15:09 Neill Haight, Citizen

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:16:34 Rep. Wells  
02:17:29 Rep. Kasten  
02:18:53 Ms. Boyle  
02:21:41 Rep. Kasten  
02:22:47 Ms. Ellis  
02:23:38 Rep. Jayne  
02:28:47 Rep. Kasten  
02:29:05 Rep. Sinrud  
02:29:23 Rep. Taylor  
02:29:34 Rep. Kasten  
02:29:55 Rep. Witte  
02:31:15 Rep. Sinrud  
02:31:56 Rep. Kasten

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:32:33 Rep. Kasten

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph12aad.pdf](#))**