

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN JOHN SINRUD, on January 22, 2007 at 3:00 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
Kris Wilkinson, 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 186, HB 183, HB 90, HB 57,
1/11/2007
Executive Action: None

00:00:12 Rep. Sinrud
00:01:53 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
[EXHIBIT \(aph14a01\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 186

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:48 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB
186, Efficiency standards for state motor pool.
[EXHIBIT \(aph14a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:32 John Blacker, Administrator, Maintenance Division,
Department Transportation
00:09:08 Matt Leow, Executive Director, Montana Public Interest
Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:45 Rep. Morgan
00:11:23 Mr. Blacker
00:12:05 Rep. Ripley
00:12:33 Rep. Jopek
00:12:55 Rep. Hawk
00:13:15 Rep. Jopek
00:14:17 Rep. Taylor
00:14:32 Mr. Blacker
00:16:21 Rep. Beck
00:16:29 Mr. Blacker
00:17:01 Rep. Morgan
00:17:32 Mr. Blacker
00:18:15 Rep. Sesso
00:20:28 Mr. Blacker
00:21:13 Rep. Sesso
00:21:38 Rep. Jopek
00:22:22 Rep. Sesso
00:22:40 Rep. Taylor
00:22:54 Mr. Blacker
00:23:53 Rep. Beck
00:25:21 Mr. Blacker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:47 Rep. Jopek

HEARING ON HB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:29 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 183, Agriculture revolving loan program for biodiesel facilities.

EXHIBIT (aph14a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:07 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union

00:29:38 Matt Leow, MontPIRG

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:09 Rep. Morgan

00:32:32 Rep. Jopek

00:33:00 Rep. Hawk

00:34:13 Rep. Jopek

00:34:20 Rep. Taylor

00:34:36 Rep. Jopek

00:36:16 Rep. Sesso

00:36:33 Rep. Jopek

00:36:43 Rep. Taylor

00:36:59 Rep. Jopek

00:37:14 Rep. Hawk

00:37:39 Rep. Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:14 Rep. Jopek

HEARING ON HB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:06 Rep. Gary Maclaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 90, Increase loan authority for Montana enhanced registration & license information network.

EXHIBIT (aph14a04)

00:42:38 Rep. Sinrud left the room
00:42:45 Vice Chairman Taylor assumed chair

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:47 Dean Roberts, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division,
Department of Justice (DOJ)

EXHIBIT (aph14a05)

00:51:34 Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director, Office of Attorney
General, DOJ

EXHIBIT (aph14a06)

01:04:24 Rep. Musgrove
01:04:48 Sen. Trudy Schmidt
01:05:26 John Witt, private citizen, former representative
01:08:11 Sen. John Brueggeman
01:09:46 Rep. Morgan left the room
01:11:05 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers
01:11:42 Steve Turkiewicz, President Montana Bankers Association
01:12:37 Janet Harper, Director, Governmental Relations, Montana
Credit Union
01:13:17 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers' Association
01:14:17 Marilyn Olsen, Executive Vice President, Montana Auto
Dealers' Association
01:14:43 Spook Stang, Executive Vice President, Montana Motor
Carriers' Association, former senator

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:15 Rep. Kasten
01:19:02 Mr. Fasbender
01:21:16 Rep. Beck
01:22:18 Mr. Fasbender
01:22:40 Mr. Roberts
01:23:43 Rep. Taylor
01:23:56 Mr. Fasbender

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:48 Rep. Maclaren
EXHIBIT (aph14a07)

HEARING ON HB 57**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:26:55 Rep. Eve Franklin (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 57, Foster parent liability insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:06 Jani McCall, Montana Children's Initiative Providers' Association

EXHIBIT (aph14a08)

01:38:32 Twila Costigan, Montana State Foster & Adoptive Association & Intermountain Childrens' Home

EXHIBIT (aph14a09)

01:44:18 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal & Child Health

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:45:42 Shirley Brown, Division Administrator, Child & Family Services, Department of Public Health & Human Services

01:46:36 Brett Dahl, Administrator, Risk Management & Tort Defense Division, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:30 Rep. Wells

01:49:56 Mr. Dahl

01:50:55 Rep. Wells

01:51:29 Bruce Deitle, Program Chief, Child & Family Services

01:51:56 Rep. Wells

01:52:41 Mr. Deitle

01:53:09 Rep. Hollenbaugh

01:53:40 Jon Moe, Staffer

01:53:59 Ms. Brown

01:54:16 Rep. Jayne

01:56:18 Rep. Franklin

01:58:04 Ms. Brown

01:58:28 Rep. Jayne

01:59:20 Rep. Franklin

02:00:44 Rep. Jayne

02:01:11 Rep. Franklin

02:02:00 Rep. Ripley

02:02:36 Mr. Moe

02:03:39 Rep. Witte

02:04:11 Rep. Franklin
02:04:45 Rep. Witte
02:05:31 Rep. Wells
02:05:58 Ms. McCall
02:06:23 Rep. Taylor
02:09:17 Mr. Dahl
02:09:29 Rep. Callahan
02:09:58 Rep. Taylor
02:13:05 Mr. Dahl

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:24 Rep. Franklin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([aph14aad.pdf](#))