

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman John Sinrud, on March 22, 2007 at 8:10 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. 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 222, HB 829, HB 5, 3/16/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 222****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:01 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 222, Fund economic analysis of irrigated agriculture.

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:53 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14

00:06:50 Dale Russell, Russell Consulting, Alberta

00:16:45 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau; Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:17:58 Gary Amestoy, Chester Irrigation Project, West Crane Irrigation District

00:20:25 Kathy Bessette, Hill County Commission

00:20:48 Sara Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

00:21:09 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

00:21:47 Sen. Don Steinbeisser

00:22:19 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:23:02 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:21 Rep. Kasten

00:23:41 Rep. Beck

00:24:20 Rep. Jones

00:25:21 Sen. Black

00:27:21 Rep. Morgan

00:27:24 Sen. Black

00:28:01 Rep. Musgrove

00:29:09 Rep. Jones

00:29:41 Rep. Taylor

00:30:51 Rep. Jones

00:30:55 Rep. Jayne

00:32:58 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resource Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:33:24 Rep. Kasten

00:35:03 Rep. Sinrud

00:35:40 Mr. Beck  
00:36:10 Amy Carlson, Budget Office  
00:37:47 Rep. Witte  
00:37:56 Rep. Sinrud

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:10 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HB 829**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:16 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 829, Blackfeet Tribe - State water compact implementation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:35 Rep. Shannon Augare, HD 16  
00:45:13 Sen. Carol Juneau, SD 8  
00:47:53 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14  
00:49:07 Susan Cottingham, Staff Director, Regional Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)

**EXHIBIT (aph61a04)**

00:57:13 John Bloomquist, Pondera County Canal and Reservoir Compact (PCCRC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:01:10 Rep. Morgan  
01:01:37 Ms. Cottingham  
01:04:15 Rep. Hawk  
01:05:50 Ms Cottingham  
01:07:49 Rep. Ripley  
01:11:49 Ms. Cottingham  
01:12:30 Mr. Beck  
01:13:47 Rep. Beck  
01:14:41 Ms. Cottingham  
01:16:46 Rep. Taylor  
01:17:03 Ms. Cottingham

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:18:50 Rep. Jones

01:22:42 Break  
01:32:13 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 5**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:32:30 Rep. Tim Callahan (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

01:34:45 Rep. Dave Kasten

**EXHIBIT (aph61a05)**

01:36:12 Kathy Duncan, LFD

Note: Rep. Kasten and Ms. Duncan testified as part of the opening, not as proponents or opponents.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:38:01 Dick Clark, Chief Information Technologies Officer, State of Montana

**EXHIBIT (aph61a06)**

01:40:47 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

01:41:08 Mick Robinson, Montana University System

01:43:50 Evan Barrett, Governor's Office on Economic Development

01:44:28 Mike Mahoney, Warden, Montana State Prison, Department of Corrections

01:45:18 Deb Mattucci, liaison between the Department of Corrections and Department of Health and Human Services

01:47:24 Ed Amberg, Director, State Psychiatric Hospital, Warm Springs

01:49:43 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:51:27 Jim Curry, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Transportation

01:54:00 Gaylen Gormely, President, Montana Technology Alliance

01:55:35 Alex Philp, President and Manager, GCS Research

01:58:32 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

01:59:01 Kevin Olsen, Administrator, Montana Law Enforcement Academy

01:59:52 Paul Reichert, Executive Director, Montana Heritage Commission

**EXHIBIT (aph61a07)**

02:02:15 Amy Sullivan, Executive Director, Montana Historical Society

02:03:18 Ralph DeCunzo, Department of Military Affairs

02:03:58 Sen. Jim Shockley, University of Montana Law School

**EXHIBIT (aph61a08)**

**EXHIBIT (aph61a09)**

02:05:03 Larry Fasbender, Deputy Director, Department of Justice  
02:05:30 Sue Clark, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation (DNRC)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:06:05 Anita Roessmann, Staff Attorney, Montana Advocacy  
Program

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a11\)](#)

02:15:04 Jeff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications  
Systems

**Informational Testimony:**

02:29:46 Tom O'Connell, Architect

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:19:27 Rep. Morgan  
02:23:12 Ms. Roessmann  
02:23:22 Ms. Matucci  
02:24:00 Rep. Morgan  
02:24:16 Rep. Callahan  
02:24:44 Rep. Morgan  
02:28:33 Mr. Clark  
02:32:11 Rep. Franklin  
02:35:11 Ms. Matucci  
02:36:02 Rep. Franklin  
02:40:46 Mr. Amberg  
02:41:35 Rep. Beck  
02:41:59 Joe Triem, Architect  
02:43:53 Rep. Beck  
02:44:00 Mr. DeCunzo  
02:46:02 Rep. McChesney  
02:48:46 Mr. Clark  
02:49:17 Mike Boyer, Assistant Director, Information Technology  
Services Division (ITSD)  
02:51:49 Rep. Morgan  
02:52:23 Ms. Roessmann  
02:56:06 Rep. Wells  
02:57:25 Mr. Boyer  
02:57:45 Rep. Wells  
02:58:29 Mr. Feiss  
03:00:08 Rep. Sesso  
03:01:25 Jeff Bryandt, Deputy Chief Administration Officer,  
Department of Administration  
03:02:47 Rep. Sesso  
03:11:24 Mr. O'Connell

03:13:02 Rep. Sesso  
03:13:30 Ms. Duncan, LFD  
03:14:26 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
03:15:05 Ms. Roessmann  
03:15:50 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
03:16:19 Mr. Mahoney  
03:16:46 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
03:16:51 Mr. Amberg  
03:18:29 Rep. Witte  
03:22:33 Mr. Hagener  
03:23:41 Rep. Sinrud  
03:23:54 Rep. Callahan  
03:25:02 Ms. Duncan  
03:25:17 Rep. Sinrud  
03:25:45 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office  
03:26:38 Rep. Sinrud  
03:30:05 Mr. O'Connell  
03:35:37 Ralph Decunzo, Department of Military Affairs  
03:42:41 Mr. O'Connell  
03:42:51 Hugh Jesse, University of Montana

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:43:21 Rep. Callahan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:54 A.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph61aad.pdf](#))**