

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on March 05, 2009 at 2:30  
P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)  
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jon Moe, Legislative Branch  
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

**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 &amp; Date Posted: HB 2, 2/24/2009

Executive Action: HB 2 Section D

00:00:19 Chairman Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 2, SECTION D**

00:03:37 Rep. Hawk

00:07:08 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator

00:10:45 Rep. Hawk

00:12:09 Roland Menna, Executive Director, Montana Board of  
Crime Control (MBCC)

00:12:59 Rep. Hawk

00:15:37 Steve Bullock, Attorney General

00:18:22 Rep. Hawk

00:19:00 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Montana Public Service  
Commission

00:20:27 Rep. Hawk

00:23:32 Randi Hood, Chief Public Defender

00:27:44 Rep. Hawk

00:29:59 Mike Ferriter, Director, Department of Corrections

00:34:49 Rep. Hawk

00:35:31 Chairman Sesso

00:35:35 Rep. Hawk

00:35:51 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:36:04 Chairman Sesso

00:36:16 Ms. Gervais

00:36:41 Chairman Sesso

00:36:52 Rep. Morgan

00:37:21 Chairman Sesso

00:37:32 Rep. Jones

00:37:51 Chairman Sesso

00:38:35 Mr. Menna, MBCC

00:39:25 Chairman Sesso

00:40:35 Ms. Hood

00:40:59 Chairman Sesso

00:41:09 Ms. Hood

00:42:52 Chairman Sesso

00:43:04 Ms. Hood

00:44:09 Chairman Sesso

00:44:40 Mr. Bullock

00:46:02 Rick Ask, Administrator, Gambling Control Division

00:46:23 Chairman Sesso

00:46:34 Mr. Ask

00:46:54 Chairman Sesso

00:48:32 Rep. Hawk

00:49:35 Chairman Sesso

00:49:40 Mr. Ferriter  
00:51:12 Mr. Bullock  
00:52:54 Rep. Hiner  
00:53:11 Rep. Hawk  
00:53:53 Rep. Hiner  
00:54:09 Rep. Hawk  
00:54:51 Chairman Sesso  
00:55:29 Rep. Ankney  
00:55:53 Mr. Bullock  
00:56:41 Rep. Ankney  
00:57:10 Mr. Ferriter  
00:58:34 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:00:05 Mr. Ferriter  
01:00:56 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:01:23 Mr. Ferriter  
01:02:07 Rep. Mehlhoff  
01:02:28 Mr. Ferriter  
01:03:13 Chairman Sesso

**Public Comments:**

01:03:34 J.C. Weingartner, Montana Educators Association-  
Montana Federation of Teachers

01:12:18 Beth Baker, Montana Justice Foundation

**EXHIBIT (aph49b01)**

01:16:21 Rep. Hawk

01:17:14 Recess

01:29:30 Reconvene

01:29:34 Chairman Sesso

01:30:17 Rep. Steenson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 SECTION D**

01:31:40 **Motion:** Rep. Hiner moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT (aph49b02)**

01:33:03 Pat Gervais, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Discussion:**

01:33:40 Rep. Morgan

01:33:49 Ms. Gervais

01:34:12 Rep. Hawk

01:34:59 Rep. Glaser

01:35:58 Ms. Gervais

01:36:46 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote, 19-1 with Rep. Kasten voting no. Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

01:37:19 Rep. Kasten  
01:38:23 Chairman Sesso

01:38:34 **Motion:** Rep. Hawk moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT (aph49b03)**

01:39:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

01:40:01 Rep. Villa  
01:41:49 Chairman Sesso  
01:42:34 Rep. Getz  
01:43:10 Rep. Hawk  
01:43:40 Chairman Sesso  
01:43:53 Rep. Hollandsworth  
01:44:17 Ms. Gervais  
01:44:42 Chairman Sesso

01:45:24 **Motion:** Rep. Glaser moved to close section D

01:46:01 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote, 19-1 with Rep. Kasten voting no. Rep. Nooney voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:46:30 Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph49bad.pdf](#))**