

MINUTES

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

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
TRANSPORTATION**

and

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chairman Galen Hollenbaugh, on March 12, 2009 at
8:05 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Chairman (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Sen. Greg Barkus (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. John Sesso (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Shawn Graham, OBPP
Tyrrell Hibbard, Committee Secretary
Barbara Smith, 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 645, 3/10/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:10 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:01:11 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON HB 645

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:00 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB
645, Implement receipt of and appropriate federal
stimulus funds.

00:09:02 Sen. Tropila arrived.
00:09:19 Sen. Brueggeman arrived.
00:10:48 Sen. Williams arrived.
00:15:57 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:16:34 Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning
(OBPP)

EXHIBIT (jnh55a01)

EXHIBIT (jnh55a02)

EXHIBIT (jnh55a03)

EXHIBIT (jnh55a04)

EXHIBIT (jnh55a05)

EXHIBIT (jnh55a06)

EXHIBIT (jnh55a07)

00:26:27 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:26:39 Sen. Brenden arrived.

Public Comment:

00:26:56 Rep. Ted Washburn, HD 69, Bozeman

EXHIBIT (jnh55a08)

00:28:41 Dave Crawford, Town Engineer, Manhattan

EXHIBIT (jnh55a09)

00:31:54 Chairman Kasten

00:32:13 Mr. Crawford

00:32:19 Chairman Kasten

00:32:43 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:32:47 Tom Erskine, Interstate Engineering, Billings,
representing Town of Brockton which needs \$1.75 million
to finish the sewer system.

EXHIBIT (jnh55a10)

00:34:46 Chairman Kasten

00:35:11 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association
of Counties

EXHIBIT (jnh55a11)

00:41:39 Chairman Kasten

00:41:55 Rep. Tom Berry, HD 45, Roundup, requesting stimulus money to replace part of the 400,000 loan on the Deadman's Basin reservoir dam.

EXHIBIT (jnh55a12)

00:44:28 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:44:38 Ron Hanson, County Planner, Powell County, addressed four shovel-ready projects: Deer lodge Main Street bridge at a cost of \$4 million, requesting \$700,000 to \$900,000 of stimulus funds; \$3 million in needs for road improvement plans, requesting \$400,000 of stimulus funds; new windows in Deer Lodge courthouse at \$200,000; cleanup of Milwaukee Roundhouse site in Deer Lodge.

EXHIBIT (jnh55a13)

00:49:41 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:49:51 Susan Davis Briggs, Vice Chancellor of Administration, Finance, and Student Affairs, University of Montana Western

00:54:41 Rep. Timothy Furey, HD 91, Milltown, encouraged the committee's support for HB 467, a \$70 million bond for the university system; HB 14, Montana Legacy Project at an approximate cost of \$2 million; and HB 569, a \$3 to \$5 million housing bill.

00:56:40 Chairman Hollenbaugh

00:56:57 Hugh Jesse, Director of Facility Services, University of Montana, in support of the energy conservation allocations in HB 645

EXHIBIT (jnh55a14)

00:58:08 Chairman Kasten

00:58:22 Chris Laity, advocated for Powell County Main Street bridge project and the \$1.4 million City of Cut Bank railroad street road project.

EXHIBIT (jnh55a15)

00:59:45 Chairman Kasten

00:59:48 Mr. Laity

01:00:01 Chairman Kasten

01:00:04 Chairman Hollenbaugh`

01:00:10 Rep. Tony Belcourt, HD 32, Box Elder, Rocky Boy North Central Regional Water Project

EXHIBIT (jnh55a16)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:51 Chairman Kasten

01:03:19 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:03:32 Chairman Kasten

01:03:43 Rep. Belcourt

01:04:09 Chairman Kasten
01:04:21 Rep. Sesso
01:04:43 Chairman Kasten
01:04:46 Rep. Belcourt
01:05:03 Rep. Sesso
01:05:26 Ms. Miller
01:05:51 Rep. Sesso
01:05:56 Ms. Miller
01:05:59 Rep. Sesso
01:06:02 Ms. Miller
01:06:12 Rep. Sesso
01:06:17 Ms. Miller
01:06:21 Rep. Sesso
01:06:40 Chairman Hollenbaugh

Public Comment:

01:07:14 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
01:08:13 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:08:17 Steve Wade, North Central Regional Water, Dry Prairie,
and Montana Rural Water Systems
01:09:11 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State

EXHIBIT (jnh55a17)

01:13:20 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:13:31 Jeff Brandt, Information Technology Services Division,
Department of Administration
01:14:02 Larry Mires, Glasgow Irrigation District; Executive
Director, St. Mary's Rehabilitation Working Group

EXHIBIT (jnh55a18)

01:15:41 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of
Conservation Districts, voiced support for
appropriations in HB 6 and HB 7.

EXHIBIT (jnh55a19)

01:17:12 Tara Veazey, Executive Director, Montana Budget and
Policy Center

EXHIBIT (jnh55a20)

01:21:59 Chairman Kasten
01:22:46 Andy Mefford, Town of Stevensville, advocated for the
water system improvement project in Stevensville.

01:26:16 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:26:22 Mr. Mefford

01:27:08 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:27:14 Darryl Barton, City of Deer Lodge waste water project

EXHIBIT (jnh55a21)

01:29:15 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:29:31 Recess

01:44:07 Reconvene. Sen. Brueggeman, Rep. Getz, Sen. Williams,
and Rep. Jones are absent.

01:44:16 Sen. Debby Barrett, SD 36, Dillon, Ruby Reservoir
Rehabilitation project still needs \$8 million

01:45:29 Rep. Jeff Welborn, HD 72, Dillon, Ruby Dam Project

01:46:15 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:46:20 Rep. Sesso

01:46:57 Ms. Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

01:47:28 Rep. Sesso

01:47:32 John Tubbs, Administrator, Water Resources Division,
DNRC

01:48:35 Rep. Sesso

01:48:57 Mr. Tubbs

01:49:31 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited, Ruby Dam Project

01:50:49 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Shovel-Ready Contractor's
Association

01:52:56 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT (jnh55a22)

01:56:56 Joe Schaffer, Acting Dean and CEO of Montana State
University (MSU)-Great Falls

02:01:42 Chrissy Glover, Child Development Center, Student, MSU-
Great Falls

02:03:35 Sen. Brueggeman arrived.

02:04:30 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff, HD 26, Great Falls

02:07:54 Rep. Sesso

02:08:04 Joe Triem, Architecture and Engineering Division,
Department of Administration

02:08:42 Rep. Sesso

02:08:46 Tom O'Connell, Administrator, Architecture and
Engineering Division

02:09:40 Rep. Sesso

02:09:47 Mr. O'Connell

02:09:51 Rep. Sesso

02:10:17 Mr. O'Connell

02:10:36 Chairman Hollenbaugh

02:10:41 Robin Shropshire, City Commissioner, City of Helena,
shovel-ready projects for the City of Helena

02:13:16 Chairman Hollenbaugh

02:13:19 Rep. Sesso

02:13:37 Ms. Shropshire

02:13:41 Rep. Sesso

02:13:44 Ms. Shropshire

02:14:06 Rep. Sesso

02:14:23 Ms. Shropshire

02:15:00 Tim Burton, City Manager, City of Helena

02:16:04 Sen. Ripley

02:16:40 Fran M. Albrecht, Watson Children's Shelter, Missoula

02:19:55 Chairman Hollenbaugh

02:20:05 Rep. Ankney left the hearing.
02:20:06 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of
Transportation

EXHIBIT (jnh55a23)

02:26:24 Sen. Williams returned.
02:38:29 Chairman Kasten
02:38:57 Mr. Lynch
02:40:30 Chairman Kasten
02:40:44 Mr. Lynch
02:41:02 Chairman Kasten
02:41:05 Rep. Sesso
02:41:19 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:41:25 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy, SD 16, Box Elder, Rocky Boy-
Parker Water System Storage and Brockton Sewer Lagoon
projects

EXHIBIT (jnh55a24)

02:44:40 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:44:45 Rep. Carlie Boland, HD 23, Great Falls, Great Falls
Community Ice Foundation

EXHIBIT (jnh55a25)

02:46:08 Rep. Margaret Campbell, HD 31, Fort Peck, Fort Peck
Irrigation and Brockton Sewer Lagoon projects

EXHIBIT (jnh55a26)

02:47:10 Rep. Michele Reinhart, HD 97, Missoula, transit
services
02:50:25 Richard Opper, Director, Department of Environmental
Quality

EXHIBIT (jnh55a27)

02:53:43 Chairman Kasten
02:54:05 Mr. Opper
02:55:41 Rep. Sesso
02:55:56 Mr. Lynch
02:56:22 Rep. Sesso
02:57:27 Mr. Lynch
02:57:39 Rep. Sesso
02:58:52 Mr. Lynch
02:59:33 Rep. Jones returned.
03:00:31 Rep. Sesso
03:00:50 Mr. Lynch
03:00:58 Rep. Sesso
03:01:05 Mr. Lynch
03:01:09 Rep. Sesso
03:01:21 Mr. Lynch
03:01:51 Rep. Sesso
03:03:47 Mr. Lynch
03:06:36 Sen. Tropila
03:07:02 Mr. Lynch
03:08:58 Sen. Brenden

03:10:22 Mr. Lynch
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03:13:34 Mr. Lynch
03:13:58 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:14:05 Mr. Lynch
03:14:16 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:14:27 Mr. Lynch
03:15:33 Rep. Sesso
03:17:04 Mr. Lynch
03:19:31 Rep. Jones
03:20:14 Mr. Lynch
03:20:30 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:20:47 Bob Church, Great West Engineering, Helena, Central
Montana Regional Water Authority
03:23:57 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:24:04 Rep. Sesso
03:24:09 Mr. Church
03:24:36 Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC
03:29:23 Jim Edgcomb, Treasure State Endowment Program
03:30:36 Rep. Llew Jones, HD 27, Conrad, Pondera County projects
EXHIBIT (jnh55a28)
03:32:44 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:32:47 Mark Sweeney, County Commissioner, Anaconda and Deer
Lodge
03:34:01 Chairman Hollenbaugh

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:34:17 Sen. Cooney
03:35:28 Mr. Opper
03:37:38 Sen. Cooney

03:38:06 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:38:29 Rep. Sesso
03:39:10 Chairman Kasten
03:39:33 Rep. Sesso
03:39:59 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:40:19 Rep. Sesso
03:41:22 Chairman Kasten
03:41:29 Ms. Duncan
03:43:10 Chairman Kasten
03:43:37 Rep. Jones
03:43:54 Chairman Hollenbaugh

ADJOURNMENT

03:44:14 Adjournment: 11:50 A.M.

Tyrrell Hibbard, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

[EXHIBIT \(jnh55a29\)](#)

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Additional Documents:

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