

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chairman Bill McChesney, on March 13, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill McChesney, Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark Bruno, OBPP
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Shawn Graham, OBPP
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary
Amy Sassano, OBPP
Matt Stayner, Legislative Branch
Lois Steinbeck, 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:

Subjects Heard: HB 645: Governor's Office, Department of Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Labor & Industry

Executive Action: None

00:00:03 Chairman McChesney
00:00:50 Roll call
00:01:45 Chairman McChesney

00:03:18 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public
Retirement Board
00:06:19 Chairman McChesney

00:09:00 Break
00:11:06 Reconvene

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

00:11:14 Chairman McChesney
00:13:31 Sen Laible
00:14:59 Chairman McChesney
00:15:34 Sen. Zinke

Personal Contingency Fund

00:17:07 Chairman McChesney
00:17:31 Sen. Laible
00:18:04 Chairman McChesney
00:18:32 Sen. Laible
00:19:10 Chairman McChesney
00:19:15 Sen. Laible
00:19:49 Mark Bruno, OBPP

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Teachers Retirement System

00:19:59 Chairman McChesney
00:20:26 Sen. Zinke
00:21:12 Sen. Laible
00:22:24 Chairman McChesney
00:24:20 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division
00:24:39 Chairman McChesney
00:24:50 Sen. Laible
00:25:06 Chairman McChesney
00:25:30 Sen. Laible
00:27:07 Chairman McChesney
00:27:20 Mr. DeWitt

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Affordable Housing Program

00:27:36 Chairman McChesney
00:28:34 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce
00:28:58 Bruce Brensdal, Administrator, Housing Division
00:29:29 Sen. Laible
00:30:14 Chairman McChesney
00:30:46 Sen. Laible
00:31:52 Chairman McChesney
00:31:57 Mr. Poole
00:32:12 Sen. Zinke
00:34:23 Sen. Hansen
00:34:50 Chairman McChesney
00:35:05 Sen. Zinke
00:35:17 Chairman McChesney
00:35:47 Shawn Graham, OBPP
00:35:57 Amy Sassono, OBPP
00:36:40 Sen. Laible
00:37:07 Ms. Sassono
00:37:16 Sen. Laible
00:37:27 Ms. Sassono
00:37:36 Sen. Laible
00:37:51 Ms. Sassono
00:38:02 Sen. Laible
00:38:08 Ms. Sassono
00:38:14 Sen. Laible
00:38:25 Chairman McChesney
00:38:34 Sen. Laible
00:39:03 Sen. Zinke
00:39:32 Sen. Laible
00:39:37 Sen. Zinke
00:39:42 Chairman McChesney
00:40:06 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

EXHIBIT (jgh56a01)

00:48:09 Sen. Hansen
00:48:28 Mr. Hansen
00:49:21 Sen. Hansen
00:49:32 Mr. Hansen
00:50:23 Sen. Laible
00:51:55 Mr. Hansen
00:53:09 Sen. Zinke
00:54:32 Mr. Hansen

High-Performance Computing

00:55:17 Chairman McChesney
00:55:57 Sen. Zinke

00:56:03 Sen. Laible

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Main Street Program

00:56:14 Chairman McChesney

New and Incumbent Worker Training

00:56:44 Chairman McChesney

Tribal Economic Development

00:57:04 Chairman McChesney:

00:57:13 Sen. Laible

00:58:24 Sen. Zinke

01:00:10 Chairman McChesney

01:00:36 Matt Staynor, Legislative Branch

01:01:16 Chairman McChesney

01:01:21 Sen. Hansen

01:01:37 Mr. Poole

01:05:58 Sen. Laible

01:07:11 Mr. Poole

01:09:37 Sen. Laible

01:10:25 Chairman McChesney

Distressed Wood Products Industry

01:11:52 Chairman McChesney

01:12:01 Sen. Laible

01:12:20 Chairman McChesney

01:12:51 Sen. Laible

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Community Development Block Grant Program

01:13:02 Chairman McChesney

01:13:26 Mr. Staynor

01:14:02 Sen. Laible

01:14:23 Mr. Staynor

Energy Promotion and Development Division

01:14:28 Chairman McChesney

01:14:58 Mr. Staynor

01:15:24 Sen. Laible
01:15:39 Mr. Staynor
01:15:45 Sen. Laible
01:15:52 Mr. Staynor
01:16:57 Sen. Laible
01:17:29 Mr. Staynor
01:17:46 Shawn Graham, OBPP
01:18:08 Sen. Laible
01:18:12 Chairman McChesney
01:18:47 Mr. Poole
01:21:59 Sen. Laible
01:22:14 Chairman McChesney
01:23:06 Sen. Laible
01:23:58 Mr. Poole
01:25:09 Sen. Zinke

Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)

01:26:22 Chairman McChesney
01:26:30 Sen. Laible
01:27:07 Mr. Staynor
01:27:22 Sen Laible

Housing Division: Tax Credit Assistance Program

01:27:32 Chairman McChesney

Housing Credit Exchange

01:27:47 Chairman McChesney

Broadband Matching Grants

01:27:53 Chairman McChesney
01:27:58 Sen. Zinke
01:29:04 Sen. Laible
01:29:59 Sen. Hansen
01:30:23 Sen. Zinke
01:30:27 Chairman McChesney
01:32:08 Sen. Zinke
01:32:47 Sen. Laible
01:33:53 Chairman McChesney
01:35:05 Sen. Zinke
01:35:48 Sen. Laible
01:36:48 Mr. Poole
01:37:18 Chairman McChesney
01:38:01 Mr. Staynor
01:38:38 Mark Bruno, OBPP
01:39:00 Chairman McChesney

01:39:19 Mr. Graham
01:40:01 Sen. Laible

01:41:03 Break
02:03:24 Reconvene

Continuation of Broadband Discussion

02:03:39 Chairman McChesney
02:03:58 Sen. Laible
02:04:05 Chairman McChesney
02:05:04 Dave Gibson, Qwest
02:06:35 Chairman McChesney
02:06:47 Mr. Poole
02:07:02 Sen. Laible
02:07:09 Mr. Gibson

Distressed Wood Products Industry

02:08:11 Sen. Laible
02:08:32 Ellen Simpson, Montana Wood Products Association
02:10:05 Chairman McChesney
02:10:13 Mr. Poole
02:10:24 Mr. Bruno
02:10:30 Chairman McChesney

School Facilities Program

02:10:40 Chairman McChesney
02:11:13 Mr. Poole
02:12:04 Chairman McChesney
02:12:36 Mr. Poole
02:12:58 Chairman Lake
02:13:02 Sen. Laible
02:15:41 Sen. Zinke
02:16:59 Sen. Hansen
02:17:37 Sen. Laible
02:18:50 Chairman McChesney
02:19:10 Mr. Poole
02:19:54 Sen. Zinke
02:20:30 Sen. Laible
02:20:59 Chairman McChesney
02:21:20 Sen. Zinke
02:21:25 Sen. Laible
02:21:49 Mr. Poole
02:22:00 Sen. Laible

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Unemployment Insurance Modernization

02:22:20 Chairman McChesney:
02:23:03 Keith Kelly, Director, Department of Labor and Industry
(DLI)
02:27:19 Chairman McChesney
02:27:24 Mr. Kelly
02:30:29 Sen. Laible
02:31:22 Mr. Kelly
02:31:45 Sen. Laible
02:32:29 Mr. Kelly
02:32:46 Sen. Hansen
02:33:03 Mr. Kelly
02:34:01 Sen. Zinke
02:34:13 Mr. Kelly
02:34:30 Sen. Zinke
02:34:36 Mr. Kelly
02:35:16 Sen. Zinke
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02:39:11 Mr. Kelly
02:39:51 Sen. Laible
02:40:26 Mr. Kelly
02:41:28 Sen. Laible
02:41:44 Mr. Kelly
02:42:08 Sen. Zinke
02:42:19 Mr. Kelly
02:42:56 Sen. Zinke
02:43:09 Chairman McChesney
02:43:17 Sen. Zinke
02:43:39 Sen. Laible

Fund Reallocation

02:44:11 Chairman McChesney
02:44:32 Sen. Laible
02:45:23 Chairman McChesney
02:45:42 Sen. Zinke
02:45:59 Chairman McChesney
02:48:48 Sen. Laible
02:51:10 Chairman McChesney
02:51:18 Sen. Zinke

02:52:15 Mr. Bruno
02:52:38 Sen. Hansen
02:53:18 Sen Zinke
02:53:37 Sen. Laible outlined actual allocation amounts.
02:54:53 Mr. Staynor
02:55:06 Sen. Laible
02:55:36 Mr. Staynor
02:55:48 Mr. Hansen
02:56:11 Sen. Laible
02:56:23 Mr. Staynor

ADJOURNMENT

02:57:47 Adjournment: 11:20 P.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (jgh56a02) Existing and planned Montana housing projects

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (jgh56aad.pdf)