BUSINESS REPORT

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, January 12, 2009 **Time:** 3:00 pm
Place: Capitol **Room:** 102

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:
Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Add Postponed (PP) when appropriate:

HB 52, HB 64, HB 71, HB 123

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:
Prefix (HB, HR, HJR, SB, SR, or SJR) and number. Enter P(pass) F(failed) DPAA (do pass as amended) BC(be concurred in) BCAA (be concurred in as amended):

COMMENTS:

REP. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Roll Call
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: 1/12/09

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
Rep. Hiner	X	
Rep. McNutt	X	
Rep. Villa	X	
Rep. Roberts	X	
Rep. Henry	X	
Rep. Steenson	X	
Rep. Nooney	X	
Rep. McChesney	X	
Rep. Getz	X	
Rep. Hawk	X	
Rep. Kasten	X	
Rep. Morgan	X	
Rep. Hollandsworth	X	
Rep. Ankney	X	
Rep. Pease-Lopez	X	
Rep. Hollenbaugh	X	
Rep. Mehlhoff	X	
Rep. Jones	X	

Rep. Glaser	X
Chairman Sesso	X

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Appropriations Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Greg Gillispie **BILL NO.** HB 64/HB 123

ADDRESS 717 Aster Ave Bozeman, MT 59718 **DATE** Jan. 12, 2009

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Fluorescence Innovations

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** _____ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

Please restore as much funding as possible to MBRCT. It works.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Appropriations Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Richard Bridges **BILL NO.** HB 123

ADDRESS _____ **DATE** _____

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Neuroscience Center School of Pharmacy, Univ of Montana

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** _____ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

- MBRCT support is critical.
- It provides a direct link between University research and economic development.
- The U.M. Neuroscience Ctr has spun off 4 new companies with MBRCT support
- The investment in MBRCT has been leveraged 10-15 fold with federal research dollars.
- The budget for the MBRCT should be restored.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Appropriations Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Ron Cooper **BILL NO.** 127

ADDRESS 2310 University Way ~~Bozeman~~ Bozeman **DATE** 12 Jan 09

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? AdvR, Inc.

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** _____ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

MT BRCRT
too small but critically important
Leverage over 20M we have
brought to state with over 90% Montana
state university graduates and for
providing infrastructure to keep more
of our efforts in Montana

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Appropriations Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Kris Merkel **BILL NO.** HB123

ADDRESS 2310 University Way #1 **DATE** Jan 13 2009

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? S2 Corporation - Bozeman MT

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** _____ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

Support HB123, specifically MBRCT, but oppose cut in MBRCT funding. Would support increase in MBRCT $. View program as incredible success story of state funding providing advantage to local industry + Montana academics to commercialize technology + protect intellectual property, and compete for defense + intelligence federal contracts. We have seen a 5:1 return on Montana dollars to federal follow on funds. Our FY2008 + FY2009 efforts have been funded by MBRCT and have been absolutely critical for above topics. We have ~~one~~ brought one new product to market + are delivering commercial sales on this product, a low vibration cryo-cooler, as a direct result of MBRCT funding. Please support + HB123 passage with an increase in MBRCT funding. The MBRCT $ has directly made us more competitive in the SBIR and STTR programs.

S:\2009Session\2009 Forms\CommWitnessSt.2009.wpd

Montana House of Representatives
Visitors Register

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE **Date** 1/12/09

Bill No. HB52 **Sponsor(s)**

PLEASE PRINT **PLEASE PRINT** **PLEASE PRINT**

Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Glen Oppel	MT Realtors	X		
Gary Amestoy	Richland Economic Development Corp	X		
Mike Murphy	MWRA	X		
Ronda Wiggers	Water Well Drillers Assoc	X		
John Youngberg	MFBF	✓		
Brianna Randall	Clark Fork Task Force	X		
Krista Lee Evans	AGAI	X		
Russell Levens	DNRC			
Amy Bamber	MT Dept of Ag			X
John Metesh	MBMG			X
~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~			

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

S:\2009Session\2009 Forms\CommVisitorRegSample2009.wpd

Montana House of Representatives
Visitors Register

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE **Date** 1/12/09

Bill No. 64 **Sponsor(s)**

PLEASE PRINT **PLEASE PRINT** **PLEASE PRINT**

Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Gary Wiens	MT Elec. Co-ops Assn	X		
Gary Amestoy	Richland Economic Development Corp	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

S:\2009Session\2009 Forms\CommVisitorRegSample2009.wpd

Montana House of Representatives
Visitors Register

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE **Date** 1/12/09

Bill No. HB 123 **Sponsor(s)** _____

PLEASE PRINT **PLEASE PRINT** **PLEASE PRINT**

Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Jim Davison	MEDA	✓		
[illegible]	SMDC	✓		
Neal Blossom	MMEC/Am. Chemist	✓		
Rick Edwards	Headwaters RCD	✓		
Steve Holland	MMEC	✓		
John Balsam	MTIP/SAIR	✓		
John Youngberg	MFBF	✓		
Mike McCarthy	MACo	✓		
Greg Gillispie	Fluorescence Innovations	✓		
Larry Farrar	Resodyn Corporation	✓		
Craig Young	Craig Young	✓		
Terry Mylne	MBAC	✓		
Ron de Yong	Ag Dept.	✓		
Carl Kochman	MT Ambassadors	✓		
Jim Barngrover	AERO	✓		
Dave Oien	Timeless Seeds	✓		
Brett Dorey	Great Falls Dev.	✓		
Chris Christiaens	MFU	✓		
Anthony J. Preite	MT. DOC	✓		
Geoff Feiss	MT Telecon Assn	✓		
Bonnie Lorang	MT Indep Telecom System	✓		
Linda Gryczan	Grow MT	✓		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

Montana House of Representatives
Visitors Register

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE **Date** 1/12/09

Bill No. HB 71 **Sponsor(s)** Diane Sands

PLEASE PRINT **PLEASE PRINT** **PLEASE PRINT**

Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Frank Cote	BCBSMT	✓		
Bill Warden	St Peter's Hospital	X		
Ron Cooper	AdvR, Inc. Bozeman	X		
Bob Olsen	MT Hospital Assn	X		
Kris Merkel	S2 Corporation	X		
Richard Bridges	School of Pharmacy Univ of Montana	X		
Mike Foster	SVH, SPH, SJH, HRH, SJH	X		
[illegible]	Shodair	X		
[illegible]	MT Beef [illegible]			
Vanessa Clark / Ronda Wiggers	Billings Chamber [illegible]	X		
[illegible]	Mt. [illegible]	X		
George Smith	Two Rivers Authority [illegible]	X		
[illegible]	City of Helena	X		
~~Sylvia Moore~~	~~[illegible]~~	~~X~~		
Ronda Wiggers	GF + Helena Chambers	X		
Erin MacLean	MMA	X		
Amy Astin	Benefis Health System	✓		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

S:\2009Session\2009 Forms\CommVisitorRegSample2009.wpd

Montana House of Representatives
Visitors Register

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE **Date** 1/12/09

Bill No. HB 123 **Sponsor(s)**

PLEASE PRINT **PLEASE PRINT** **PLEASE PRINT**

Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Gary Wiens	MT. Elec. Coops' Assn	X		
PAUL TUSS	Bear Paw Development	X		
Mark Baker	Kalispell Chamber of Commerce	X		
DAN ANDERSON	Small Bus. Dev Center	✓		
JOSH KELLAR	NRM RC&D	✓		
Travis A. Wright	NRM RC&D	✓		
Chris Mehus	Beartooth RC&D	✓		
Gary Amestoy	Richland Economic Development Corp	✓		
Dan Schmidt	Trex Home Furnishing	✓		
Manny Goetz	Yellowstone Country Motorcoach	✓		
WEBB BROWN	MT CHAMBER	X		
Jon Ostberg	MT Ind Telecom Syst	X		
Sylvia Moore	OCHE	X		
Greg Smith	Two Rivers Authority	X		
Ronda Wiggers	GF + Helena Chambers	X		

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

S:\2009Session\2009 Forms\CommVisitorRegSample2009.wpd