

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

00:00:05 **Call to Order:** Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on January 27,  
2009 at 3:00 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. Bill Nooney (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)  
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**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 and Date Posted: HB 41, HB 91, HB 134, HB 187

Executive Action: None.

00:01:18 Rep. Ankney

00:01:40 Chairman Sesso

**HEARING ON HB 187**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:33 Rep. Janna Taylor (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 187, Eliminate charges for motor vehicle registration.

**EXHIBIT** (aph19a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:21 Rep. Dee Brown

00:13:37 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

00:14:59 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:43 Rep. Villa

00:19:46 Rep. Taylor

00:21:03 Rep. Villa

00:21:15 Rep. Getz

00:21:33 Rep. Taylor

00:22:33 Rep. Getz

00:22:53 Rep. Roberts

00:23:19 Rep. Taylor

00:23:59 Rep. Kasten

00:24:28 Rep. Taylor

00:24:45 Chairman Sesso

00:25:19 Rep. Steenson

00:25:55 Rep. Taylor

00:26:03 Rep. Nooney

00:26:21 Rep. Taylor

00:26:42 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:27:08 Rep. Taylor

**HEARING ON HB 91**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:33 Rep. Dee Brown (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 91,  
\$1 an hour raise for state employees.

**EXHIBIT (aph19a02)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:30:44 Paula Stoll, Governor's Chief Negotiator

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:56 Rep. Hawk

00:32:42 Ms. Stoll

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:29 Rep. Brown

**HEARING ON HB 41**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:33 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB  
41, Revise water quality laws for aquifer recharge or  
mitigation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:29 Mike Sedlock

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:06 Rep. Kasten

00:39:19 Chairman Sesso

00:39:46 Rep. Cohenour

00:40:22 Chairman Sesso  
00:40:31 Rep. Cohenour  
00:40:35 Chairman Sesso  
00:40:52 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:40:58 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:15 Rep. Cohenour

**HEARING ON HB 134**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:00 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 134, Create and fund local government committee.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:01 Rep. Hawk  
00:44:25 Rep. Nooney  
00:44:45 Rep. Glaser  
00:46:14 Rep. Nooney  
00:46:32 Rep. Glaser  
00:47:31 Chairman Sesso  
00:48:29 Susan Fox, Director, Legislative Services  
00:50:34 Rep. Villa  
00:51:00 Director Fox  
00:51:11 Chairman Sesso  
00:51:23 Director Fox  
00:51:44 Rep. Glaser  
00:52:28 Chairman Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:37 Rep. Nooney  
00:53:15 Chairman Sesso

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:53:28 Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([aph19aad.pdf](#))**