

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on January 26, 2011 at 3:05 P.M., in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. John Esp (R)  
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Antoine Brockman, Committee Secretary  
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Jon Moe, 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 317, 1/22/2011

00:02:35 Jon Moe, Expenditure Policy Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division  
00:02:58 Roger Lloyd, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
**EXHIBIT(aph20a01)**  
00:06:50 Rep. McChesney entered room.  
00:09:56 Rep. Edmunds  
00:10:37 Mr. Lloyd, LFD

**HEARING ON HB 317****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:44 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 317, Sunset statutory appropriations over certain periods.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:33 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:14:49 Erin MacLean, Montana Medical Association  
00:16:40 Mark Cross, Montana Hospital Association  
00:18:44 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

**EXHIBIT(aph20a02)**

00:21:30 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
00:24:24 JD Lynch, Montana Building and Construction Council and the Pacific Northwest Council of Carpenters  
00:25:13 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals  
00:26:33 Cyndy Andus, Bozeman City Council  
00:28:48 Cynthia Johnson, Pondera County Commissioner  
00:30:42 Stuart Doggett, Montana Inn Keepers Association  
00:32:23 Rep. Hiner left the room.  
00:32:40 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
00:33:42 Mona Jamison, Boyd Anderson  
00:34:40 Rep. Hiner reentered the room.  
00:35:33 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorney Association  
00:40:10 Detective Stacy Lear, Montana Police Protective Association  
00:41:44 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:46:35 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County  
00:47:11 Allan Underdal, Toole County Commissioner  
00:49:36 Rep. Schmidt entered the room.  
00:49:55 Rep. McChesney left the room.  
00:50:11 Mike Mergenthaler, Helena Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau  
00:52:51 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance  
00:54:27 Tom Butler, Major, Montana Highway Patrol

00:55:20 Rep. McChesney reentered the room.  
00:55:30 Connie Eissinger, McCone County Commissioner  
00:56:50 Rep. Gibson left the room.  
01:01:37 Rep. Gibson reentered the room.  
01:01:58 Doug Neil, Montana Firemen's Association  
01:02:41 Rep. Osmundson left the room.  
01:04:49 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association  
01:06:36 Rep. Sesso entered the room.  
01:06:45 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association  
01:12:53 William Duffield, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Council Counties  
01:15:14 Pat Keim, Volunteer Fire Fighter

**Informational Testimony:**

01:17:07 Amy Sassano, Deputy Director, Governor's Budget Office  
01:22:03 Pat McNamee, Department of Administration  
01:23:18 Denise Pizzini, Montana Teachers Retirement Service  
01:24:44 Patricia Schiltz, Centralized Services Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:26:22 Rep. Cook  
  
01:28:06 Rep. Sesso  
01:29:22 Mr. Moe, LFD  
01:30:48 Rep. Hollandsworth  
01:31:29 Jaret Coles, Legislative Attorney, Legislative Services Division  
01:32:03 Rep. Cook  
01:32:33 Mr. Moe, LFD  
01:33:10 Rep. Cook  
01:33:28 Mr. Moe, LFD  
01:33:57 Rep. Edmunds  
01:34:15 Chairman McNutt  
01:34:28 Mr. Coles, LSD  
01:34:53 Rep. Sesso  
01:36:15 Mr. Moe, LFD  
01:36:57 Rep. Sesso

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:37:58

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Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph20aad.pdf](#))**