

## MINUTES

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

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Duane Ankney, on February 7, 2011 at 9:00 AM, in Room 317C  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Rinay Bender, Committee Secretary  
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division  
James Chamberlain, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**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:**

Department of Agriculture hearing

00:00:01 Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh30a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh30a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh30a03\)](#)

00:03:57 Rep. Cuffe

### **Department of Agriculture**

00:04:00 Mr. Holzer, LFD

00:10:00 Sen. Brenden

00:10:22 Mr. Holzer, LFD

00:10:56 Sen. Keane

00:11:29 Mr. Holzer, LFD

00:12:10 Sen. Keane

00:12:25 Mr. Holzer, LFD

00:12:46 Sen. Keane

00:12:54 Mr. Holzer, LFD

### **Informational Testimony:**

00:13:13 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh30a04\)](#)

00:23:06 Sen. Ripley

00:23:05 Mr. de Yong, MDA

00:23:59 Sen. Ripley

00:24:15 Mr. de Yong, MDA

### **Centralized Services Division**

### **Informational Testimony:**

00:25:47 Libbi Lovshin, MDA

### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:20 Rep. Cuffe left the meeting.

00:31:48 Sen. Keane

00:32:25 Ms. Lovshin, MDA

00:32:45 Sen. Keane

00:32:59 Ms. Lovshin, MDA

00:33:19 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:33:40 Shawn Graham, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:34:12 Chairman Ankney

00:34:26 Mr. Graham, OBPP

00:34:33 Sen. Brenden

00:34:47 Mr. Graham, OBPP

00:35:01 Rep. Cuffe returned to the meeting.

00:35:31 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:35:53 Mr. Graham, OBPP

**Agricultural Sciences Division**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:36:52 Greg Ames, MDA

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:51 Rep. Cuffe  
00:42:59 Chairman Ankney  
00:43:04 Mr. Ames, MDA  
00:43:17 Chairman Ankney  
00:43:25 Mr. Ames, MDA  
00:52:45 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:53:06 Mr. Ames, MDA  
00:53:33 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
00:54:01 Mr. Ames, MDA  
00:54:20 Sen. Ripley  
00:54:41 Mr. Ames, MDA  
00:54:10 Sen. Ripley  
00:55:44 Mr. Ames, MDA  
00:56:26 Sen. Ripley  
00:57:31 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:00:38 Chairman Ankney  
01:00:56 Rep. Cuffe  
01:01:21 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:02:04 Rep. Cuffe  
01:02:41 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:03:40 Sen. Keane  
01:03:56 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:04:16 Sen. Keane  
01:04:41 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:05:53 Sen. Keane  
01:06:06 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:06:15 Sen. Keane  
01:06:31 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:07:11 Sen. Keane  
01:07:27 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:07:40 Sen. Keane  
01:07:47 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:08:23 Sen. Brenden  
01:08:43 Mr. Ames, MDA

**Agricultural Development Division**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:09:25 Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, MDA  
01:13:54 Rep. Cuffe left the meeting.  
01:17:30 Rep. Cuffe returned to the meeting.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:59 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:20:43 Mr. Holzer, LFD  
01:21:12 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:21:19 Mr. Holzer, LFD  
01:22:30 Sen. Brenden  
01:23:15 Mr. Clairmont, MDA  
01:24:06 Sen. Brenden  
01:24:52 Sen. Keane  
01:25:22 Mr. Clairmont, MDA  
01:25:53 Sen. Keane  
01:26:04 Mr. Holzer, LFD  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh30a05\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh30a06\)](#)  
01:28:22 Sen. Keane  
01:28:31 Mr. Holzer, LFD  
01:28:42 Mr. Graham, OBPP  
01:29:24 Chairman Ankney  
01:30:11 Sen. Keane  
01:30:45 Mr. Ames, MDA  
01:31:08 Sen. Keane  
01:31:23 Chairman Ankney  
01:31:49 Mr. de Yong, MDA  
01:33:47 Sen. Brenden  
01:34:07 Mr. de Yong, MDA  
01:35:21 Sen. Brenden left the meeting.  
01:36:00 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union and representing Gary Amestoy  
01:42:44 Chairman Ankney left the meeting.  
01:42:54 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association  
01:43:51 Mr. Holzer, LFD  
[EXHIBIT\(jnh30a07\)](#)  
01:45:17 Mr. Graham, OBPP  
01:45:35 Sen. Ripley  
01:45:56 Mr. Graham, OBPP  
01:46:08 Mr. Holzer, LFD  
01:47:14 Chairman Ankney returned to the meeting.  
01:47:48 Chairman Ankney

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:48:26 Chairman Ankney adjourned the meeting.

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Rinay Bender, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jnh30aad.pdf](#))**