

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on February 8, 2011 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (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. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (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 35, 2/4/2011; HB 196, 2/4/2011; HB 388, 2/4/2011

**HEARING ON HB 388****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:55 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 388, Statutorily require comparison of spending, budgets & various economic indices.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:03:12 David Ewer, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
00:07:23 Rep. Ankney entered the room.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:08:44 Terry Johnson, Principle Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:09:09 Julie Feldman, State Accounting Bureau Chief, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:22 Rep. Gibson  
00:09:54 Mr. Ewer, OBPP  
00:09:55 Rep. Schmidt entered the room.  
00:10:08 Rep. Gibson  
00:10:09 Rep. Hollenbaugh entered the room.  
00:10:17 Mr. Ewer, OBPP  
00:10:34 Rep. Gibson  
00:10:42 Mr. Ewer, OBPP  
00:11:10 Rep. Esp  
00:11:44 Mr. Johnson, LFD  
00:12:10 Rep. Esp  
00:12:43 Mr. Ewer, OBPP  
00:13:36 Rep. Esp  
00:14:07 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:15:07 Mr. Johnson, LFD  
00:15:41 Rep. Brodehl  
00:16:04 Mr. Ewer, OBPP  
00:16:16 Rep. Sesso entered the room.  
00:16:58 Rep. Brodehl  
00:17:16 Mr. Ewer, OBPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:11 Rep. Cook

**HEARING ON HB 196**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:10 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 196, Provide that Dept. of Commerce assist local gov't with fed land management props.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:23:14 Tim Ravndal, Self

**Informational Testimony:**

00:27:12 Andy Pool, Department of Commerce (DOC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:44 Rep. Edmunds

00:28:02 Mr. Pool, DOC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:22 Rep. Connell

**HEARING ON HB 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:06 Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 35, Eliminate DPHHS reduction of Medicaid physician reimbursement rate.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:33:54 Erin McLane, Representative, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:36:15 Mike Foster, Representative, Montana Catholic Hospitals

00:37:37 Bob Olson, Montana Hospital Association

00:38:03 Aimee Grmoljez., Billings Clinic

00:38:25 John Metropolis, AWARE

00:39:56 Dr. Len Lantz, Self

00:41:46 Bill Flink, Montana Hospital Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:42:30 Mr. Ewer, OBPP

**EXHIBIT(aph31a01)**

00:50:25 Anne Brodsky, Chief Legal Council, Governor's Office of Legal Council

00:52:38 Terry Krantz, Representative, Department of Health and Human Services

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:53:20 Rep. Ankney  
00:53:30 Ms McLane, MMA  
00:54:53 Rep. Gibson  
00:55:05 Rep. Schmidt  
00:56:00 Rep. Burnett  
00:57:09 Rep. Schmidt  
00:57:19 Rep. Burnett  
00:57:27 Rep. Schmidt  
00:57:50 Rep. Burnett  
00:57:56 Rep. Schmidt  
00:58:18 Terry Krantz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:17 Rep. Schmidt

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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