

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 14, 2011 at 3:12 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (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. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (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 334, 2/10/2011; HB 424, 2/10/2011

HEARING ON HB 334

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:16 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 334, Generally revise workers' compensation.

00:02:23 Rep. Ankney entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:38 Vicki Cocchiarella, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:08 Andrea Olson, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association (MTLA)
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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:42 Rep. Sesso
00:19:12 Rep. Reichner
00:19:32 Rep. Esp
00:29:46 Rep. Reichner
00:21:04 Chairman McNutt
00:21:42 Rep. Sesso
00:22:05 Rep. Reichner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:59 Rep. Reichner

HEARING ON HB 424

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:06 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 424, Requiring certain DEQ fines and penalties go to the state general fund.

00:24:09 Rep. Hollenbaugh entered the room.

00:24:37 Rep. Gibson left the room.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:32 John Arrigo, Administrator, Division of Enforcement, Department of
Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:28:43 Rep. Gibson entered the room.
00:29:55 Rep. Hiner left the room.
00:31:43 Rep. Hiner entered the room.
00:32:45 Rep. Schmidt entered the room.
00:33:49 Jack Isbell, Self
00:35:15 Fred Gifford, Self
00:36:51 Dianna Maneta, Executive Director, Montana Renewable Energy Association
(MREA)
00:39:46 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:42:08 Matt Elsaesser, S.A.V.E Foundation

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:09 Rep. Gibson
00:45:32 Rep. Knudsen
00:46:01 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ
00:46:43 Rep. Esp
00:47:04 Mr. Gifford, Self
00:47:41 Rep. Esp
00:47:51 Mr. Gifford, Self
00:48:02 Rep. Cook
00:48:08 Rep. Beck entered the room.
00:48:30 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ
00:48:51 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:49:53 Rep. Knudsen
00:50:15 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:51:03 Rep. Brodehl
00:52:04 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ
00:52:20 Lou Moore, Bureau Chief, Energy and Pollution Bureau, Department of
Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:52:34 Rep. Cook left the room.
00:53:14 Rep. Sesso
00:53:44 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ
00:54:00 Rep. Sesso
00:54:17 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ
00:54:54 Rep. Cook entered the room.
00:55:14 Rep. Sesso
00:55:52 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ
00:56:01 Rep. Sesso
00:56:05 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ
00:57:25 Rep. Sesso
00:57:52 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ

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00:58:54 Rep. Sesso
01:01:24 Rep. Knudsen
01:02:14 Rep. Gibson left the room.
01:02:25 Rep. Edmunds
01:02:51 Rep. Knudsen
01:03:11 Rep. Cuffe
01:04:01 Mr. Isbell, Self
01:04:50 Rep. McChesney
01:05:48 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:05:59 Rep. Gibson entered the room.
01:06:12 Barb Smith, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:06:40 Rep. Hollenbaugh
01:07:05 Barb Smith, LFD
01:07:50 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:08:25 Rep. Knudsen
01:08:42 Rep. Schmidt
01:08:55 Ms Moore, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:41 Rep. Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 334

01:11:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Esp moved **HB 334 DO PASS**. Motion carried 15-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Hiner, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Schmidt and Rep. Sesso voting no. Rep. Osmundson voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:13:58

Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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