

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 15, 2011 at 3:52 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. 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. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (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 161, 2/11/2011; HB 183, 2/11/2011; HB 186, 2/11/2011

00:01:55 Rep. Hollenbaugh entered the room.

HEARING ON HB 161**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:49 Rep. Mike Milburn (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 161, Repeal medical marijuana law.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:50 Traci Hronck, Self
00:05:29 Rep. Roberts left the room.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:37 Tiffany Jenks, Self
00:08:12 Misty Carey, Kanna Kare
00:10:51 Robert Cypers, Kanna Kare
00:11:28 Rep. McChesney entered the room.
00:11:57 Kenneth Lindenman, Self
00:13:18 Hiedi Handford, Patients Out of Time and Montana Connect
00:16:21 Valerie Sigler, Big Sky Patient Care
00:17:34 Robert Moore, Connoisseur Cannabis
00:20:10 Christopher Williams, Montana Cannabis
00:22:16 Genni Kronske, Self
00:22:39 Rep. Ankney entered the room.
00:23:01 Barbra Trego, Self
00:23:45 Jim Gingery, Executive Director, Montana Medical Growers Association (MMGA)
00:25:03 Joe Estonstinson, Self
00:25:26 Ed Doctor, Five Friends, Inc.
00:25:56 Tayler Lang, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:33 Rep. Milburn
00:28:00 Recess
00:31:10 Resume

HEARING ON HB 186**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:18 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 186, Continue allocation to Worksafe Montana thru assessment on work comp insurer.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:05 Rep. Osmundson
00:33:25 Rep. Hunter
00:33:43 Rep. Cook
00:34:05 Rep. Hunter
00:34:39 Rep. Sesso
00:35:29 Rep. Hunter
00:35:34 Rep. Sesso
00:36:32 Rep. Hunter
00:38:13 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:38:30 Rep. Hunter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:24 Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON HB 183**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:53 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 183, Provide for high deductible health insurance thru reimbursements and tax credits.

00:41:45 Rep. Roberts entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:44 Rep. Sesso
00:44:27 Rep. Smith
00:49:40 Rep. Osmundson
00:50:00 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:54 Rep. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:53:34

Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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