

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Bill Beck, on January 11, 2011 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Beck, Chair (R)
Sen. Alan Olson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch
Mark Bruno, OBPP
Cheryl Pesta, Committee Secretary

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:

Organization of Committee
Executive Action, starting point for Statewide Present Law Adjustments
Hearing of Department of Administration

Organizational Discussion:

Introductions:

00:01:06 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:01:29 Sen. Buttrey
 00:01:47 Rep. McChesney
 00:02:01 Rep. Edmunds
 00:02:24 Sen Olson
 00:02:41 Rep. Beck
 00:03:15 Cheryl Pesta
 00:03:24 Rep. Beck
 00:04:10 Mark Bruno
 00:04:43 Rep. Beck
 00:05:08 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 00:05:22 Rep. Beck
 00:06:09 Rep. McChesney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON PROXIES AND PRESENT LAW ADJUSTMENTS STARTING POINT

00:07:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved that **proxies be given to the senior Party person or the secretary.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:08:01 Rep. Beck
 00:08:49 Greg DeWitt, LFD
 00:12:21 Sen Wanzenried
 00:12:29 Greg DeWitt
 00:12:37 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:12:51 Greg DeWitt
 00:13:20 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:13:41 Rep. Beck

Overview of Budget Process

00:14:56 Greg DeWitt.
 00:28:29 Sen. Olson
 00:28:40 Greg DeWitt
 00:30:40 Rep. Edmunds
 00:31:06 Greg DeWitt
 00:32:31 Mark Bruno
 00:33:00 Greg DeWitt
 00:33:17 Rep. Beck
 00:33:34 Greg DeWitt
 00:40:33 Rep. Beck
 00:40:55 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:41:36 Rep. Beck

00:41:46 **Motion:** Sen. Olson moved that **FOR ALL AGENCY BUDGETS IN SECTION A, THE ADJUSTED BASE TO INCLUDE PERSONAL SERVICES ADJUSTMENTS, STATEWIDE FIXED COSTS, AND INFLATION; ANY DECISION PACKAGES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TWO PERCENT**

REDUCTIONS APPROVED IN THE 2009 SESSION IN AN ONGOING MANNER; THE FIVE PERCENT REDUCTION PROPOSED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET BE ADOPTED AS THE STARTING POINT FOR SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIONS..

Public Comment:

00:42:41 Dianne Fladmo, Montana Education Association

00:45:02 Rep. Beck

00:45:43 Rep. McChesney

00:49:55 Rep. Beck

00:50:22 Sen. Wanzenried

00:50:34 Greg DeWitt

EXHIBIT(jgh08a01)

00:50:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved **TO REVISE THE MOTION TO SEGREGATE THE 5%**. Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Rep. McChesney and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye.

00:55:14 Rep. Edmunds

00:56:05 Sen. Wanzenried

00:57:08 Sen. Buttrey

00:57:32 Rep. Beck

00:57:35 **Vote:** Original motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. McChesney and Sen. Wanzenried voting no.

Department of Administration:

00:59:00 Janet Kelley, Director, Department of Administration (DOA)

01:02:52 Sen. Olson

01:03:24 Greg DeWitt

01:06:44 Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director, DOA

EXHIBIT(jgh08a02)

01:14:49 Rep. Beck

01:15:28 Sheryl Olson

EXHIBIT(jgh08a03)

Public Comment:

01:22:33 Ruben Mathias, President of the Preservation Board

01:37:29 Sen. Buttrey

01:37:44 Sheryl Olson

01:38:14 Greg DeWitt

01:40:48 Paul Christofferson, Administrator, State Accounting Division (SAD)

EXHIBIT(jgh08a04)

Questions from Committee:

02:00:14 Sen. Wanzenried

02:00:52 Mr. Christofferson

02:01:59 Rep. Edmunds

02:02:13 Mr. Christofferson

02:02:46 Rep. Beck

02:03:11 Mr. Christofferson

02:03:27 Rep. Beck
02:04:18 Mr. Christofferson
02:04:30 Rep. Beck

State Architecture & Engineering:

02:18:39 Greg DeWitt
02:19:39 Tom O'Connell, State Architect, State Architecture & Engineering (A&E)
[EXHIBIT\(jgh08a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

02:36:00 Sen. Wanzenried
02:36:34 Mr. O'Connell
02:36:52 Rep. Beck
02:37:16 Mr. O'Connell
02:39:13 Rep. Beck
02:39:19 Mr. O'Connell
02:40:25 Rep. Beck
02:40:34 Mr. O'Connell
02:41:56 Rep. Beck
02:42:02 Mr. O'Connell
02:42:40 Rep. McChesney
02:43:21 Mr. O'Connell

General Services Division (GDS):

02:45:33 Greg DeWitt
02:47:37 Marvin Eicholtz, Administrator GSD
[EXHIBIT\(jgh08a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

03:09:38 Rep. Edmunds
03:10:02 Mr. Eicholtz
03:10:44 Rep. Edmunds
03:11:01 Mr. Eicholtz
03:11:41 Rep. Beck
03:12:04 Mr. Eicholtz
03:12:28 Rep. Beck
03:13:26 Mr. Eicholtz
03:13:57 Rep. Edmunds
03:14:27 Mr. Eicholtz
03:15:10 Rep. Edmunds
03:15:33 Mr. Eicholtz
03:16:03 Sen. Wanzenried
03:17:01 Mr. Eicholtz
03:17:08 Director Kelly
03:17:36 Sen. Buttrey
03:18:10 Mr. Eicholtz
03:19:21 Rep. Buttrey
03:19:50 Sen. Olson
03:20:14 Mr. Eicholtz

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03:20:33	Sen. Olson
03:20:50	Mr. Eicholtz
03:21:42	Sen. Olson
03:21:51	Mr. Eicholtz
03:22:06	Rep. Edmunds
03:22:51	Mr. Eicholtz

ADJOURNMENT

03:24:04 Adjournment

Cheryl Pesta, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh08aad.pdf](#))