

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING and JOINT APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 4, 2011 at 8:08 AM, in Room 317B & C Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)

All committee members of Joint Appropriation Subcommittee on General Government were in attendance.

Members Excused: Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Roger Lloyd, LFD
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
Cheryl Pesta, Secretary
Lois Steinbeck, LFD
Quin Holzer, LFD
Ryan Evans, OBPP
Mark Bruno, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 316, 2/1/2011; HB 375, 2/1/2011

00:01:26 Chairman McNutt
00:01:38 Rep. Sesso arrived.

General Government Impacts, H B 316

00:02:22 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(jlh28a01)

Department of Administration (DOA) & Department of Revenue (DOR) Impacts

Oil and Gas, Local Assistance, Metal Mines License Tax

00:03:21 Mr. DeWitt

Montana Oil Production Tax

00:03:49 Mr. DeWitt

Federal Mineral Royalty Tax

00:04:05 Mr. DeWitt

Other Impacts on Department of Administration

00:04:21 Mr. DeWitt
00:05:01 Chairman McNutt
00:05:10 Mr. DeWitt
00:05:46 Chairman McNutt

Informational Witnesses:

00:06:16 Steve Austin, Administrator, Citizen Services of Resources Management
Division, Department of Revenue
00:06:53 Chairman McNutt

State Auditor Impacts

00:07:48 Lois Steinbeck

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPPHS)

00:07:58 Ms. Steinbeck

Tobacco Settlement Fund

00:10:02 Ms. Steinbeck

Insurance

00:10:49 Ms. Steinbeck

Securities

00:11:06 Ms. Steinbeck

Captive Account

00:11:17 Ms. Steinbeck
00:11:47 Chairman McNutt

Opponents:

00:12:18 Jesse Laslovich, Office of Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State
Auditors Office
00:18:07 Sen. Williams arrived.
00:22:17 Sen. Brown arrived.
00:26:52 Chairman McNutt
00:27:06 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services
00:29:39 Chairman McNutt
00:29:45 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association
00:35:22 Chairman McNutt
00:35:34 Meg Jacoby, Insurance agent, Helena
00:37:22 Chairman McNutt
00:37:40 Darrin Engellant, Montana Retail Association, Program Manager
00:38:55 Chairman McNutt
00:39:07 Loretta Miller, small business owner, Helena

EXHIBIT(jlh28a02)

00:41:46 Chairman McNutt

Department of Commerce Impacts, HB 316

00:42:24 Quinn Holzer

Hard Rock Mining

00:42:46 Mr. Holzer

Coal Board

00:42:55 Mr. Holzer

Montana Heritage Commission

00:43:12 Mr. Holzer

Accommodation Tax/ Lodging Tax

00:43:35 Mr. Holzer

Regional Accommodation Tax

00:44:04 Mr. Holzer

Treasure State Endowment

00:44:26 Mr. Holzer

Big Sky Trust

00:44:39 Mr. Holzer

00:45:30 Chairman McNutt

Opponents:

00:45:54 Rick Edwards, Montana Economic Development Association (MEDA)

EXHIBIT(jlh28a03)

00:47:55 Chairman McNutt

00:47:59 Paul Tuss, Executive Director, Bear Paw Development Corporation, Havre

EXHIBIT(jlh28a04)

00:51:29 Chairman McNutt

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00:51:34 Andy Poole, Executive Director, COM
01:01:33 Chairman McNutt
01:01:38 Terry Myhre, Executive Director, Montana Business Assistance Association
01:03:48 Chairman McNutt
01:03:53 Jim Atchison, Executive Director, Southeastern Montana Development, Colstrip
01:06:56 Chairman McNutt
01:07:02 Lucy Weeder, Chairperson, Montana Lodging and Hotel Association
01:09:37 Chairman McNutt
01:09:43 Steve Holland, Montana Manufacturers and Business Center (MMBC)
01:13:05 Chairman McNutt
01:13:13 Mike Coryell, Executive Director, Miles City Area Economic Development Council
and Southeastern Montana Development Corporation
01:15:07 Rep. Sesso left.
01:17:03 Sen. Wanzenried left.
01:18:27 Chairman McNutt
01:18:40 Bruce MacIntyre, Director, Government Affairs, Billings Chamber of Commerce,
Billings Convention and Visitors Bureau and Southeastern Montana Tourist
Association and Custer Country Tourism Bureau
01:20:12 Chairman McNutt
01:20:17 Cindy Andrus, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Bozeman, and on behalf of
many Montana Visitor/Tourism Bureaus
01:21:58 Chairman McNutt
01:22:42 Chairman Beck
01:22:46 Jim Davison, President, MEDA, and Montana Board of Research and
Commercialization
01:25:52 Chairman McNutt returned.
01:25:57 Sen. Brown left.
01:27:39 Sen. Olson left.
EXHIBIT(jlh28a05)
01:27:53 Chairman McNutt
01:28:12 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance
01:32:11 Chairman McNutt
01:32:14 Ramona Holt, small business person, Lolo
01:33:06 Sen. Olson returned.
01:35:19 Amy Myhre, Kalispell, Chamber of Commerce
01:36:42 Chairman McNutt
01:36:45 Mike Sholz, Owner/operator, Bucks T-4 Lodge, Big Sky
01:39:30 Chairman McNutt
01:39:34 Sarah Converse, Executive Director, Sweet Grass Development, North Central
Montana, Cascade, Glacier, Pondera, Teton and Toole Counties
01:40:44 Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development Corporation
01:42:05 Steve Arveschoug, Executive Director, Big Sky Economic Development
Authority, Yellowstone County and 9 area counties
01:43:20 Ed Brlett, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:43:34 Bryan Gion, Chief Executive Officer, Montana Cooperative Development Center
EXHIBIT(jlh28a06)
01:44:36 Jim Smitham, Executive Director, Butte Local Development
01:44:56 Sen. Olson returned.
01:45:19 Chairman McNutt
01:45:28 Larry Lambert, small business owner, Missoula

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01:45:38 Racene Friede, Glacier Country
01:45:53 Al Sipes, Superintendent, Columbus School District
01:46:08 Barbara Neilan, Director, Missoula Convention and Visitors Bureau and
Destination Missoula

01:46:29 Chairman McNutt

[EXHIBIT\(jlh28a07\)](#)

01:46:52 Mr. Holzer

Department of Military Affairs Impacts

01:47:40 Chairman McNutt

Discussion:

01:48:29 Sen. Brown

01:48:59 Chairman McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

01:49:16 Adjournment:

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:
[EXHIBIT\(jlh28a08\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(jlh28aad.pdf\)](#)