

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Walter McNutt, on March 9, 2011 at 8:09 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (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. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch  
Antoine Brockman, 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 411, 3/6/2011; HB 444, 3/6/2011; HB 445, 3/6/2011; HB 475, 3/6/2011; HB 477, 3/6/2011; HB 495, 3/6/2011; HB 534, 3/6/2011; HB 545, 3/6/2011; HB 551, 3/6/2011; HB 554, 3/6/2011; HB 565, 3/6/2011; HB 579, 3/6/2011

**HEARING ON HB 411****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:02 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 411, Authorizing the actual cost of meals for certain wildland firefighters.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:49 Bob Harrington, Administrator, Forestry Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Opponents' Testimony: None****Informational Testimony: None****Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None****Closing by Sponsor:**

00:05:04 Rep. Wilmer

**HEARING ON HB 445****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:04 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 445, Allow health care choice thru out-of-state policies.

**Proponents' Testimony: None****Opponents' Testimony:**

00:07:47 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association  
00:08:27 Todd Lovshin, Allegiance Life Insurance  
00:08:54 Rep. Osmundson left the room  
00:09:10 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

**Informational Testimony:**

00:09:29 Steve Matthews, State Auditors Office

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:11 Rep. Beck  
00:10:20 Mr. Judge, MNA  
00:10:34 Rep. Beck  
00:10:37 Mr. Judge, MNA  
00:11:56 Rep. Edmunds  
00:12:20 Rep. Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:18 Rep. Smith

**HEARING ON HB 475**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:45 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 475, Requiring trapper safety course to receive Class C resident trappers license.  
00:16:53 Rep. Schmidt entered the room.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:19:05 Dave Reisle, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)  
**EXHIBIT(aph53a01)**  
00:20:51 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)  
00:21:47 Ben Lamb, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:32 Rep. Connell

**HEARING ON HB 477**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:59 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 477, Revise lodging facility use tax allocation to Montana historical society.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:08 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:27:02 Steve Cleverdon, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:27:39 Denise King, Montana Historical Society

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:54 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:28:14 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:28:27 Jaret Coles, Legislative Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:29:25 Rep. Hollandsworth

**HEARING ON HB 444**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:52 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 444, Create budget database website for taxpayer right to know.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:32:42 Jeff Brandt, Information Technology Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:34:08 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Interactive

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:44 Rep. Burnett

**HEARING ON HB 495**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:36:00 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 495, Revise statutory appropriations and local government entitlement share payments.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:02 Rep. Cook

**Opponents' Testimony Continued:**

00:39:49 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Town (MLCT)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph53a03\)](#)

**Proponent's Testimony Continued:**

00:46:28 Jeff Emerman, Butte Silverbow

**Opponents' Testimony Continued:**

00:49:11 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:54:58 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

00:57:19 William Duffield, Association of Oil and Gas Counties

### **HEARING ON HB 534**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:05:02 Rep. David Howard (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 534, Require proof of citizenship to receive state services.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:09:50 Kevin Nelson, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:11:24 Don Judge, MNA

01:14:21 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:17:40 Mark Cadwallader, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

01:18:57 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:19:33 Rep. Brodehl

01:20:56 Rep. Howard

01:21:07 Rep. Beck

01:21:14 Rep. Howard  
01:22:49 Rep. Beck  
01:23:26 Rep. Howard  
01:23:32 Rep. Beck  
01:23:38 Rep. Howard  
01:23:58 Rep. Esp

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:24:37 Rep. Howard  
  
01:25:51 Recess  
01:27:45 Resume - All Members Returned

**HEARING ON HB 545**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:27:50 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 545, Create study committee to design manual of emergency preparedness.  
  
01:33:18 Rep. Belcourt

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:35:47 Ed Tinsley, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Relief

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:36:16 Rep. Read

**HEARING ON HB 551**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:38:00 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 551, Revise state employee health insurance program to include high deductible plan.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:41:26 Russ Hill

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:41:57 Rep. Flynn

**HEARING ON HB 554**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:43:01 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 554, Provide for interstate wolf management compact.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:44:02 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Council, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)  
[EXHIBIT\(aph53a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:46:43 Rep. Randall

**HEARING ON HB 565**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:49:26 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 565, Clarify requirements for providing services to high-risk children.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:54:53 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana  
01:55:39 John Metropolis, AWARE  
01:56:07 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:57:49 Mary Dalton, Medicaid State Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:03:19 Rep. Cook  
02:03:34 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:05:05 Rep. Gibson  
02:05:17 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:06:45 Rep. Gibson  
02:06:34 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:07:25 Rep. Hiner  
02:07:35 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:08:03 Ron Runkel, DPHHS  
02:08:41 Rep. Hiner  
02:08:51 Mr. Runkle, DPHHS  
02:09:05 Rep. Hiner  
02:09:13 Mr Runkle, DPHHS  
02:09:46 Rep. Hiner  
02:10:20 Rep. Dalton, DPHHS  
02:11:38 Rep. Hiner  
02:11:50 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:12:44 Rep. Beck  
02:14:58 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:15:50 Rep. Gibson  
02:16:10 Mr. Runkle, DPHHS  
02:16:23 Rep. Schmidt  
02:16:49 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:17:37 Rep. Schmidt  
02:17:58 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:19:54 Rep. Schmidt  
02:20:28 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:20:54 Rep. Schmidt  
02:21:31 Ms Dalton, DPHHS  
02:22:49 Rep. Hiner  
02:23:02 Ms Dalton, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:23:20 Rep. Noonan

**HEARING ON HB 579**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:27:25 Rep. Michele Reinhart (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 579, Revise laws relating to commercial driver's license testing.

**[EXHIBIT\(aph53a05\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:30:51 Nancy Wilson, Associated Students of the University of Montana Office of  
Transportation  
02:34:20 Michael Tree, Mountain Lion Bus System, Missoula, Montana  
02:37:44 Rep. Bill McChesney, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

02:39:19 Brenda Nordland, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice  
(DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:41:46 Rep. Hollandsworth  
02:43:13 Chairman McNutt  
02:43:28 Rep. Beck  
02:44:06 Rep. Reinhart  
02:44:18 Ms Nordland, DOJ  
02:45:35 Rep. Beck  
02:46:13 Ms Nordland, DOJ  
02:46:39 Rep. Beck  
02:47:05 Ms Nordland, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:47:42 Rep. Reinhart

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:49:42

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Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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**Additional Exhibits:**

**[EXHIBIT\(aph53a06\)](#)**

**Additional Documents:**

**[EXHIBIT\(aph53aad.pdf\)](#)**