

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Gibson, on January 11, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317A  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Gibson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch  
Tia Hunter, 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:**

Subcommittee organizational meeting, Executive action on budget starting point for all agencies

00:22:38 Chairman Gibson  
00:23:01 Sen. Walker  
00:23:26 Rep. Brodehl  
00:23:48 Rep. Dudik  
00:24:18 Sen. Moore  
00:24:42 Sen. Tropila  
00:25:05 Brent, Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
00:25:27 Tia Hunter, Committee Secretary  
00:25:37 Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:26:02 Chairman Gibson  
00:26:57 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
00:28:46 Chairman Gibson  
00:29:19 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
00:31:20 Chairman Gibson  
00:35:37 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
00:36:09 Chairman Gibson  
00:36:58 Rep. Dudik  
00:37:30 Chairman Gibson  
00:37:56 Rep. Dudik  
00:38:03 Chairman Gibson  
00:38:56 Rep. Walker  
00:39:01 Chairman Gibson  
00:39:06 Sen. Tropila  
00:39:11 Chairman Gibson  
00:39:21 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
00:39:32 Chairman Gibson  
00:39:42 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
01:03:07 Chairman Gibson

**Public comment:**

01:03:38 Scott Crichton, Executive Director Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

**EXHIBIT(jch05a01)**

01:15:39 Chairman Gibson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON BUDGET STARTING POINT FOR ALL AGENCIES**

01:17:43 **Motion:** Chairman Gibson moved to **OPEN THE BUDGETS FOR JUDICIAL BRANCH, CRIME CONTROL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION, OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND ADOPT FY 2012 EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING BASE FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, CRIME CONTROL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION, OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.**

**Discussion and Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:46 Sen. Tropila  
01:19:11 Chairman Gibson  
01:21:22 Sen. Tropila  
01:22:17 Chairman Gibson  
01:22:47 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
01:24:41 Sen. Tropila  
01:25:20 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
01:25:57 Sen. Tropila  
01:26:56 Chairman Gibson  
01:27:34 Rep. Dudik  
01:28:16 Chairman Gibson  
01:30:11 Rep. Dudik  
01:30:16 Rep. Walker  
01:31:14 Chairman Gibson  
01:31:45 Rep. Walker  
  
01:31:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote.

**Public Comment:**

01:32:42 Chairman Gibson  
01:32:47 J.C. Weingartner, MEA-MFT  
01:33:43 Chairman Gibson

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:34:16 Sen. Tropila  
01:34:32 Chairman Gibson  
01:34:36 Mr. DeWitt, LFD  
01:34:46 Chairman Gibson  
01:34:53 Sen. Tropila

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:35:05

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Tia Hunter, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jch05aad.pdf](#))**