

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on February 4, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 7, 1/30/2013; HB 11, 1/30/2013

00:24:15 Chair Ankney
00:25:49 Rep. Cuffe arrived.

HEARING ON HB 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:57 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 7, Reclamation and development grants.
00:28:18 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:27 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:28:51 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts
00:29:16 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:29:33 Shelby DeMars, Montana Weed Control Association
00:30:01 Bob Gilbert, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:30:29 Cathy Duncan, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(aph24a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:47 Rep. Cook
[EXHIBIT\(aph24a02\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:09 Rep. Steve Gibson (R), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure state endowment program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:58 Bob Gilbert, Richland Economic Development Corporation
00:34:29 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association
00:36:45 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Region Water Authority
00:37:33 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
[EXHIBIT\(aph24a03\)](#)
00:38:39 Gordon Morris, Montana Association of County Road Supervisors (MACRS) and Lewis and Clark County
00:39:01 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
[EXHIBIT\(aph24a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:42:21 Meg O'Leary, Director, Department of Commerce (COMM)

00:43:16 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division,
DNRC

00:43:27 Cathy Duncan, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(aph24a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:45 Rep. Gibson

[EXHIBIT\(aph24a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph24a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph24a08\)](#)

00:45:32 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:45:38

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph24aad.pdf](#))