

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 15, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)

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 478, 3/11/2013; HB 586, 3/11/2013; HB 4, 3/11/2013;
HB 153, 3/11/2013; HB 447, 3/11/2013; HB 472, 3/12/2013
Executive Action: HB 10, HB 153, HB 447, HB 478

00:00:03 Chair Ankney

HEARING ON HB 478

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 478, Revise laws regarding human trafficking.

00:01:24 Rep. Glimm arrived.

00:01:40 Rep. Cook left.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:44 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:36 Rep. Laszloffy

HEARING ON HB 586

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:12 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 586, Revise aquatic invasive species laws.

00:08:03 Rep. Cook arrived.

00:08:48 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:11:31 Rep. Osmundson arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:12 Tim Baker, Policy Advisor for Natural Resources, Governor's Office (GOV)

00:19:30 Mike Volesky, Deputy Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:22:25 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resources Development Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(aph56a01)

EXHIBIT(aph56a02)

EXHIBIT(aph56a03)

00:23:06 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture (AG)

00:24:09 Caryn Miske, Executive Director, Flathead Basin Commission

00:24:54 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:25:58 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:27:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

00:28:35 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:29:47 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI) and Senior Water Rights Coalition

00:30:55 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:42 Rep. Cook
00:32:17 Rep. Cuffe
00:33:12 Rep. Cook
00:34:06 Hope Stockwell, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:34:45 Rep. Cook
00:35:05 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:36:05 Mr. Beck, DNRC
00:37:05 Rep. Cook
00:37:25 Mr. Beck, DNRC
00:37:33 Rep. Ballance
00:38:20 Rep. Cuffe
00:38:33 Christina Butler, Senior Fiscal Analyst, LFD
00:39:33 Rep. Ballance
00:40:05 Ms. Butler, LFD
00:40:43 Rep. Brodehl
00:41:48 Rep. Cuffe
00:43:58 Ms. Butler, LFD
00:44:32 Rep. Brodehl
00:45:06 Ms. Butler, LFD
00:45:12 Rep. Brodehl
00:45:36 Ms. Butler, LFD
00:45:40 Rep. Brodehl
00:45:42 Ms. Butler, LFD
00:45:50 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:46:20 Mr. Baker, GOV
00:47:01 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:47:35 Rep. Hagstrom
00:48:18 Rep. Cuffe
00:50:34 Rep. Edmunds
00:51:13 Mr. Beck, DNRC
00:51:57 Rep. Edmunds
00:52:13 Mr. Beck, DNRC
00:52:42 Rep. Edmunds

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:47 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 472

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:57:21 Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 472, Reduce business equipment taxes by increasing the exemption

00:57:50 Chair Ankney left.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:53 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Montana Taxpayers Association, Montana Motor Carriers, Montana Auto Dealers Association, Montana Retail Association, Montana Contractors Association, Montana National Federation of Independent Business, Big Sky Economic Development Authority
01:01:13 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
01:01:25 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:02:08 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Cattle Women
01:02:30 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
01:03:09 Donya Parrish, Self
01:03:56 Jack Walsh, Montana Builders Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:19 Kevin Nelson, Self
01:06:17 Chair Ankney arrived.

Informational Testimony:

01:08:08 Jim Standaert, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:24 Rep. Whitford
01:09:06 Rep. Bennett
01:09:22 Rep. Whitford
01:09:26 Rep. Bennett
01:09:46 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:10:11 Mr. Standaert, LFD
01:11:28 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:11:44 Mr. Standaert, LFD
01:12:51 Rep. Ballance
01:13:17 Mr. Standaert, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:47 Rep. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 153**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:16:11 Rep. Steve Gibson (R), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 153, Provide income tax credits for employing and retaining veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:02 Jim Higgins, Veteran, Montana Enlisted Association of the National Guard (MTEANG)
01:19:55 Mike Clouse, Legislative Chairman, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
01:21:53 Russ Ritter, Self
01:22:29 Dan Antonietti, Legislative Chairman, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:23:20 Rep. Gibson

HEARING ON HB 447**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:23:52 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 447, Provide higher education scholarships for Montana Purple Heart recipients.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:57 Dan Antonietti, Self

01:29:05 Jim Higgins, Montana Enlisted Officers Association of National Guard (MTEANG)

01:30:14 Russ Ritter, Montana Military Museum

01:31:16 Mike Clouse, Legislative Chairman, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

01:33:05 Jack Walsh, Self

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

01:33:59 Rep. Ballance

01:34:45 Rep. Peppers

01:35:11 Rep. McCarthy

01:36:17 Rep. Peppers

Closing by Sponsor:

01:36:30 Rep. Peppers

01:37:05 Chair Ankney

01:37:23 Rep. Peppers

01:37:59 Recessed.

01:43:05 Reconvened.

HEARING ON HB 4**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:43:24 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by budget amendment.

[EXHIBIT\(aph56a04\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(aph56a05\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:44:07 Amy Sassano, Deputy Budget Director, Office of Budget Programming and Planning (OBPP)

01:51:25 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers

01:52:32 Shyla Patera, National Council of Independent Living Services (NCILS)
01:53:00 George Northcutt, NCILS
01:53:26 Mark Sanders, NCILS

Opponents' Testimony:

01:46:29 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association

[EXHIBIT\(aph56a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph56a07\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:20 Rep. Hagstrom
01:54:43 Rep. Ballance
01:55:08 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:55:37 Rep. Brodehl
01:55:49 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:56:13 Ms. Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:32 Rep. Ankney

01:57:17 Chair Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 153

01:57:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 153 DO PASS**. Motion carried 20-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hollandsworth voting no. Rep. Jones and Rep. Mehlhoff voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 478

01:59:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 478 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones and Rep. Mehlhoff voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 447

02:00:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 447 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones and Rep. Mehlhoff voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10

02:00:25 Rep. Cook
02:00:53 Joe Triem, LSD

02:01:11 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 10 DO PASS**.

02:01:21 **Motion:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 10 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(aph56a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph56a09\)](#)

Discussion:

02:02:54 Rep. Ballance
02:03:14 Rep. Cook
02:03:17 Rep. Ballance
02:03:28 Rep. Hollenbaugh
02:03:33 Rep. Cook

02:03:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones and Rep. Mehlhoff voted by proxy.

02:04:06 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 10 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:04:20 Cathy Duncan, LFD
02:08:00 Rep. Cook
02:08:28 Rep. Ballance
02:09:18 Rep. Glimm

02:10:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones and Rep. Mehlhoff voted by proxy.

02:10:23 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:11:39

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph56aad.pdf](#))