

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 21, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (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. Lea Whitford (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
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

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 267, 3/18/2013; HB 378, 3/18/2013; HB 471, 3/18/2013;
HB 580, 3/18/2013; HB 599, 3/18/2013

00:18:03 Vice Chairman Gibson
00:19:22 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.

HEARING ON HB 599

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:44 Rep. Joanne Blyton (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 599, Provide funding for road projects.

00:21:04 Rep. Osmundson arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:12 John Prinkki, County Commissioner, Carbon County

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a02\)](#)

00:23:43 Rep. Ehli arrived.

00:27:03 Jeff Schmidt, General Manager, Red Lodge Mountain Resort

00:31:19 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:35:58 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:55 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:39:09 Mr. Prinkki, Carbon County

00:41:11 Rep. Cook arrived.

00:41:21 Rep. Ballance

00:41:40 Mr. Prinkki, Carbon County

00:42:05 Rep. Ballance

00:42:15 Mr. Prinkki, Carbon County

00:42:22 Rep. Edmunds

00:42:43 Mr. Prinkki, Carbon County

00:43:12 Rep. Jones

00:43:34 Mr. Schmidt, Red Lodge Mountain Resort

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:17 Rep. Blyton

HEARING ON HB 267

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:11 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 267, Provide for construction of the Montana historical society building.

00:45:14 Rep. Woods left.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:17 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:22 Rep. Cook
00:47:49 Rep. Ballance
00:48:13 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:48:33 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:00 Rep. Hollandsworth

HEARING ON HB 378

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:41 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 378, Provide for inflation, increase basic entitlement, per ANB & quality educator payment.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:09 Ryan Evans, Finance Manager, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
00:50:44 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:51:40 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:52:15 Nancy Hall, Lead Budget Analyst, OBPP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:30 Rep. Ballance
00:53:01 Mr. Triem, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:53:15 Ms. Hall, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:41 Rep. McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 471

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:22 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 471, Provide for farm to school programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:04 Stephanie Laporte Potts, Grow Montana

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[EXHIBIT\(aph61a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a05\)](#)

00:58:47 Rep. Hollenbaugh left.

01:01:28 Rep. Cook left.

01:03:24 Lindsay Howard, Coordinator, Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center, Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCDC)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a06\)](#)

01:08:11 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association

01:08:26 Candace Payne, Statewide Alliance of Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)

01:09:28 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph61a11\)](#)

01:12:30 Terry Kendrick, Special Projects, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:16 Rep. Brodehl

01:14:33 Rep. Hertz

01:15:26 Rep. Brodehl

01:16:07 Rep. McChesney left.

01:16:35 Rep. Hertz

01:17:14 Rep. Cuffe

01:17:26 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.

01:17:48 Rep. Ballance left.

01:18:03 Rep. Hertz

01:18:38 Rep. Cuffe

01:19:10 Rep. Hertz

01:19:15 Rep. Hollandsworth

01:19:41 Rep. Hertz

01:20:03 Rep. Whitford

01:20:48 Rep. Hertz

01:20:52 Rep. Brodehl

01:21:37 Rep. Cook arrived.

01:22:11 Rep. Osmundson left.

01:22:59 Rep. Whitford

01:23:15 Ms. Kendrick, OPI

01:23:28 Rep. Whitford

01:23:53 Rep. Edmunds

01:24:32 Ms. Kendrick, OPI
 01:24:42 Rep. Edmunds
 01:25:18 Vice Chairman Gibson
 01:25:44 Rep. Jones
 01:26:39 Rep. Hertz
 01:26:45 Rep. Jones
 01:27:05 Rep. Hertz
 01:27:31 Ms. Howard, LCCDC
 01:28:27 Rep. Cook and Rep. Hollenbaugh left.
 01:29:45 Ms. Potts, Grow Montana
 01:31:03 Rep. Hagstrom
 01:31:42 Rep. Hertz
 01:31:57 Ms. Potts, Grow Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:01 Rep. Hertz

 01:35:35 Vice Chairman Gibson

 01:36:25 Recessed.
 01:49:13 Reconvened with Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Osmundson, Rep. Cook, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Mehlhoff not present.

HEARING ON HB 580**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:49:19 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 580, Provide funding for governor's sage-grouse advisory council.

 01:51:56 Rep. Cook arrived.
 01:53:46 Rep. McChesney arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:53:58 Tim Baker, Policy Advisor for Natural Resources, Governor's Office (GOV)
 01:54:44 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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01:55:08 Rep. Cook left.
 01:56:58 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
 01:58:08 Rep. Edmunds left.
 01:58:47 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance
 02:00:26 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
 02:01:20 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation
 02:01:54 Jane Ellis, Montana Audubon
 02:02:30 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
 02:03:50 John Borgreen, Russell County Sportsman Association
 02:04:48 Tom Ebzery, Attorney, Devon Energy Production
 02:06:16 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts
 02:06:48 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:07:23 Rep. Brodehl
02:07:53 Mr. Hagener, FWP
02:08:02 Rep. Brodehl
02:08:21 Mr. Hagener, FWP
02:09:09 Rep. Brodehl
02:09:45 Mr. Galt, MPA
02:10:40 Rep. Brodehl
02:11:03 Rep. Whitford
02:11:38 Mr. Hagener, FWP
02:12:21 Rep. Whitford
02:12:32 Mr. Hagener, FWP
02:12:59 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:13:32 Mr. Hagener, FWP
02:14:43 Rep. Ballance
02:15:14 Mr. Hagener, FWP
02:16:21 Vice Chairman Gibson
02:16:36 Mr. Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:17:05 Rep. Hollandsworth

02:17:48 Vice Chairman Gibson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:19:02

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph61aad.pdf](#))