

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 22, 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. 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. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: 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 39, 3/15/2013; HB 338, 3/15/2013; HB 377, 3/15/2013;
HB 454, 3/15/2013; HB 559, 3/15/2013; HB 606, 3/15/2013;
HB 608, 3/15/2013

00:14:22 Chairman Ankney

HEARING ON HB 559

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:38 Rep. Liz Bangerter (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 559, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

00:17:00 Rep. Gibson left.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:33 Brenda Nordlund, Administrator, Motor Vehicles Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

00:18:28 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:51 Rep. Bangerter

HEARING ON HB 338

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:52 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 338, Provide funding for pension debts, all new hires to DC plan.

[**EXHIBIT\(aph62a01\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(aph62a02\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(aph62a03\)**](#)

00:24:42 Rep. Noonan left.

00:25:01 Rep. Mehlhoff left.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:08 David Senn, Executive Director, Montana Teachers Retirement System (MTRS)

00:38:50 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employees Retirement Board (MPERB)

00:44:03 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

00:47:34 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT) and Teamsters Local #590

[**EXHIBIT\(aph62a04\)**](#)

00:48:35 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:49:18 Mark Murphy, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

00:51:48 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:53:39 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:57 Rep. McCarthy
00:56:59 Rep. Regier
00:58:33 Rep. Cook
00:59:36 Rep. Regier
00:59:50 Rep. Cook
01:00:21 Rep. Regier
01:00:54 Rep. Cook
01:01:19 Rep. Regier
01:02:47 Rep. Gibson arrived.
01:04:34 Rep. Cook
01:05:38 Rep. Regier
01:06:39 Rep. Edmunds
01:07:11 Rep. Regier
01:07:44 Rep. Edmunds
01:08:01 Rep. Regier
01:08:06 Rep. Hollenbaugh left.
01:08:38 Rep. Edmunds
01:08:58 Rep. Regier
01:09:19 Rep. Brodehl
01:11:00 Rep. Regier
01:11:23 Rep. Brodehl
01:11:39 Rep. Regier
01:12:05 Rep. Brodehl
01:12:20 Rep. Gibson left.
01:12:40 Mr. O'Connor, MPERB
01:13:39 Rep. Brodehl
01:15:05 Mr. O'Connor, MPERB
01:15:41 Rep. Brodehl
01:15:45 Rep. Cuffe
01:16:17 Mr. O'Connor, MPERB
01:16:31 Rep. Cuffe
01:16:34 Mr. O'Connor, MPERB
01:17:40 Rep. Regier
01:18:13 Rep. Ballance
01:19:07 Rep. Regier

EXHIBIT(aph62a05)

01:19:51 Rep. Ballance
01:20:34 Rep. Dudik
01:21:11 Mr. O'Connor, MPERB
01:22:18 Rep. Dudik
01:22:34 Mr. O'Connor, MPERB
01:23:04 Rep. Brodehl
01:23:50 Rep. Regier
01:23:59 Rep. Hagstrom
01:24:24 Rep. Regier
01:24:34 Rep. Hagstrom
01:24:37 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:53 Rep. Regier

01:27:37 Recessed.

01:38:23 Reconvened. Rep. Gibson, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Ballance, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Osmundson, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Hagstrom, Rep. Edmunds, Rep. Ehli and Rep. McCarthy are not present.

HEARING ON HB 377**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:39:08 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 377, Increase contributions and funding for TRS, revise GABA.

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a09\)](#)

01:40:40 Rep. McChesney arrived.

01:40:55 Rep. Gibson arrived.

01:42:56 Rep. Hagstrom arrived.

01:43:15 Rep. Cuffe arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:27 Dan Villa, Director, Office of Budget Programming and Planning (OBPP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a10\)](#)

01:47:16 Rep. Ehli arrived.

01:48:40 David Senn, Executive Director, Montana Teachers Retirement System (MTRS)

01:51:24 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a11\)](#)

01:54:02 Kirk Miller, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

01:55:05 Rep. Osmundson arrived.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:25 Rep. Woods

01:58:10 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.

HEARING ON HB 454**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:58:41 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 454, Provide funding for PERS defined benefit plan, revise GABA.

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a13\)](#)

01:59:08 Rep. Woods left.
02:04:46 Rep. Ballance arrived.
02:04:50 Rep. McCarthy arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:06:10 Dan Villa, Director, OBPP

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a14\)](#)

02:09:59 Rep. Ehli left.
02:12:01 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
02:13:27 Rep. Cook left.
02:14:17 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
02:19:03 Tom Schneider, MPEA and AFSCME
02:20:02 Chair Ankney left.
02:20:09 Rep. Cook arrived.
02:20:10 Rep. Gibson left.
02:20:21 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a15\)](#)

02:21:30 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorney's Association (MCAA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:22:43 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA) and Montana Public Employees Retirement Board (MPERB)
02:23:40 Russell Wrigg, President, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMRPE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:43 Rep. Brodehl
02:26:20 Mr. Villa, OBPP
02:27:34 Rep. Brodehl
02:27:49 Mr. Villa, OBPP
02:28:56 Rep. Ballance
02:29:31 Mr. Villa, OBPP
02:29:53 Rep. Hagstrom
02:30:25 Ms. Wood, MACo
02:30:48 Rep. Hagstrom
02:30:55 Ms. Wood, MACo
02:31:18 Rep. Hagstrom
02:31:28 Ms. Wood, MACo
02:31:47 Rep. McCarthy

02:32:17 Rep. Dudik
02:32:25 Chair Ankney arrived.
02:33:30 Mr. Murphy, MCAA
02:35:12 Chair Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

02:35:47 Rep. McChesney

02:35:59 Rep. Hollenbaugh left.
02:38:29 Rep. Edmunds arrived.
02:38:54 Rep. Cook left.

HEARING ON HB 606**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:41:26 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 606, Bonds for Tongue River Road improvements.

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a18\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph62a19\)](#)

02:41:34 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.
02:43:26 Rep. Noonan left.
02:45:39 Rep. Whitford left.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:46:50 Jim Atchison, Executive Director, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC)
02:48:44 Mike Coryell, Executive Director, Miles City Area Economic Development Council
02:50:10 Bob Gilbert, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties
02:50:33 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:53:08 Rep. Edmunds
02:53:45 Mr. Atchison, SEMDC
02:54:46 Rep. Edmunds
02:55:04 Mr. Atchison, SEMDC
02:55:33 Rep. McCarthy
02:55:44 Rep. Whitford arrived.
02:55:55 Rep. McChesney
02:56:46 Rep. McCarthy
02:56:59 Rep. McChesney
02:57:04 Rep. Osmundson left.
02:57:19 Rep. Ballance

02:57:50 Dwane Kailey, Administrator, Highways and Engineering Division, Department of Transportation (MDT)
02:58:15 Rep. Ballance
02:58:21 Rep. Noonan arrived.
02:58:27 Mr. Kailey, MDT
02:59:04 Rep. Ehli arrived.
02:59:14 Rep. Ballance
02:59:35 Mr. Kailey, MDT
03:00:20 Rep. Dudik
03:00:53 Rep. McChesney
03:02:12 Rep. Brodehl
03:03:10 Rep. McChesney
03:04:38 Chair Ankney
03:05:52 Rep. Noonan left.

Closing by Sponsor:

03:06:48 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 39**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:08:40 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 39, Revise school finance laws to correct implementation problems.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:09:13 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

03:09:50 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 608**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

03:10:30 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 608, Transfer orphan share funding to natural resources operation/project accounts.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

03:13:35 Ann Hedges, Program Director, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
03:17:25 Kathy Bailey, Snowy Mountain Development Corporation (SMDC)

Informational Testimony:

03:18:50 Chas Van Genderen, Park Division Administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:19:11 Rep. Dudik
03:19:57 Ms. Bailey, SMDC
03:20:41 Rep. McChesney
03:21:07 Christina Butler, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(aph62a20)

03:21:43 Rep. Gibson and Rep. Woods arrived.
03:22:35 Rep. McChesney
03:22:40 Ms. Butler, LFD
03:22:58 Rep. Ballance
03:23:15 Ms. Hedges, MEIC
03:23:34 Rep. Ballance
03:23:39 Ms. Hedges, MEIC
03:24:23 Rep. Hagstrom
03:24:50 Chair Ankney
03:25:09 Rep. Hagstrom
03:25:27 Chair Ankney
03:26:04 Rep. McChesney
03:26:27 Rep. Gibson left.
03:27:07 Chair Ankney
03:27:13 Rep. Brodehl
03:27:54 Ms. Butler, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

03:28:21 Rep. Cuffe

03:30:10 Chair Ankney
03:30:35 Rep. McCarthy
03:31:07 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:31:16

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph62aad.pdf](#))