

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 27, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair (D)
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. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

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: HB 176, 3/23/2013; HB 177, 3/23/2013;
HB 228, 3/23/2013, HB 230, 3/23/2013

00:17:44 Chair Ankney

HEARING ON HB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:58 Rep. David Halvorson (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 176, Increase amount of oil and natural gas production taxes retained by school district.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:31 Dana Berwick, Vice Chairman, Bainville Public School Board

00:22:49 Rep. Hollandsworth and Rep. Glimm arrived.

00:23:25 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:25:13 Jim Standaert, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:35 Rep. Ballance

00:26:29 Mr. Standaert, LFD

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00:29:46 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:30:20 Mr. Standaert, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:56 Rep. Halvorson

HEARING ON HB 177

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:56 Rep. David Halvorson (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 177, Requiring school districts to budget 25% of total oil and natural gas production taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:18 Dana Berwick, Vice Chairman, Bainville Public School Board

00:35:19 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:38:02 Jim Standaert, LFD

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:53 Rep. Ballance

00:39:26 Mr. Standaert, LFD

00:40:17 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:40:57 Mr. Standaert, LFD

00:41:35 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:41:45 Mr. Standaert, LFD

00:42:05 Rep. Brodehl
00:42:31 Rep. Halvorson
00:42:46 Rep. Noonan
00:43:07 Rep. Gibson arrived.
00:43:17 Mr. Standaert, LFD
00:44:00 Rep. Whitford
00:44:32 Mr. Standaert, LFD
00:44:53 Rep. Osmundson left.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:23 Rep. Halvorson

HEARING ON HB 228

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:48 Rep. Lee Randall (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 228, Exempt certain schools from oil and gas tax allocations and limit provisions.

00:48:35 Rep. Cuffe arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:21 Dana Berwick, Vice Chairman, Bainville Public School Board
00:49:48 Renee Rasmussen, Superintendent, Bainville Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:53:59 Mr. Standaert, LFD

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:32 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:55:26 Ms. Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:55:43 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:56:03 Ms. Johnson, LSD
00:56:22 Rep. Ballance
00:56:41 Rep. Randall

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:09 Rep. Randall

HEARING ON HB 230

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:31 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 230, Generally revise property tax laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:34 Ali Bovingdon, Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor's Office (GOV)

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01:02:12 Rep. McChesney arrived.

01:03:53 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

01:06:17 Eric Burke, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony:

01:10:32 Mr. Standaert, LFD

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:56 Rep. Cook

01:11:24 Ms. Bovingdon, GOV

01:11:30 Rep. Cook

01:11:51 Ms. Bovingdon, GOV

01:12:05 Rep. Cook

01:12:08 Ms. Bovingdon, GOV

01:12:18 Rep. Ballance

01:12:39 Ms. Bovingdon, GOV

01:12:50 Rep. Ballance

01:13:02 Ms. Bovingdon, GOV

01:13:20 Rep. Ballance

01:13:46 Ms. Quinlan, OPI

01:14:12 Rep. Ballance

01:14:27 Rep. Gibson

01:14:52 Rep. Reichner

01:15:32 Rep. Gibson

01:15:36 Rep. Reichner

01:15:43 Rep. Edmunds

01:15:49 Mr. Standaert, LFD

01:16:13 Rep. Noonan

01:16:39 Rep. Ballance

01:17:07 Rep. McCarthy

01:17:34 Mr. Standaert, LFD

01:18:00 Rep. McCarthy

01:18:16 Mr. Standaert, LFD

01:18:26 Rep. Cuffe

01:18:50 Rep. Reichner

01:19:50 Rep. Cook left.

01:20:03 Rep. Cuffe

01:20:25 Rep. Reichner

01:20:31 Rep. Cuffe

01:20:48 Rep. Reichner

01:21:22 Rep. Cuffe

01:21:41 Rep. Dudik

01:22:04 Rep. Reichner

01:22:27 Rep. Hollenbaugh

01:23:10 Rep. Reichner

01:25:34 Rep. Hollenbaugh

01:26:24 Rep. Reichner
01:26:31 Rep. McCarthy
01:27:23 Rep. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:46 Rep. Reichner

01:29:40 Rep. Cook arrived.
01:30:19 Chair Ankney
01:30:24 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:31:06 Chair Ankney
01:31:52 Rep. Noonan
01:32:39 Chair Ankney
01:32:50 Rep. Ehli
01:32:58 Chair Ankney
01:33:02 Rep. Ehli
01:33:10 Chair Ankney
01:33:32 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:33:42 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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