

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on April 3, 2013 at 3:00 PM, 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. 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. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Lea Whitford (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: SB 154, 4/1/2013; SB 223, 4/1/2013; SB 275, 4/1/2013
Executive Action: SB 154, SB 223, SB 275

00:13:24 Chair Ankney
00:14:31 Rep. Osmundson arrived.

HEARING ON SB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:53 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 223, Require plan for terminating Montana comprehensive health association laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:15 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office (SAO)
00:16:17 Rep. Cuffe left.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:01 Sen. Caferro

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 223

00:21:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 223 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Gibson and Rep. Whitford voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 275

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:40 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 275, Revise driver license laws related to veteran status.

00:23:45 Rep. Cuffe arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:33 Gary White, American Legion of Montana
00:24:50 Mike Clouse, Legislative Chairman, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
00:25:17 Jim Higgins, Enlisted Association of the National Guard (EANGMT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:26:18 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Division, Department of Administration (DOA)
00:26:34 Brenda Nordlund, Administrator, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:26:35 Rep. Gibson arrived.
00:26:45 Rep. Mehlhoff left.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:52 Rep. Edmunds
00:27:02 Sen. Buttrey
00:27:44 Chair Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:02 Sen. Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 275

00:29:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 275 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Mehlhoff and Rep. Whitford voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 154**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:45 Rep. Cuffe for Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 154, Require new sustainable yield determination.

[EXHIBIT\(aph69b01\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:25 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association
00:44:30 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.

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

00:44:55 Sonja Germann, Bureau Chief, Forest Management Bureau, Trust Lands, Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:14 Rep. Ballance
00:45:59 Ms. Germann, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:47 Rep. Cuffe
00:47:32 Rep. Osmundson left.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 154

00:47:48 Rep. Whitford arrived.
00:47:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **SB 154 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Osmundson voted by proxy. Rep. Ankney will carry the bill.
00:48:44 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:49:51 Rep. Gibson

00:50:16 Mr. Triem, LFD
00:51:03 Rep. McCarthy
00:51:31 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:51:44

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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