

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Duane Ankney, on April 15, 2013 at 3:00 PM, 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. Kelly McCarthy (D)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (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: SB 81, 4/11/2013; SB 96, 4/11/2013; SB 143, 4/11/2013;  
SB 369, 4/11/2013  
Executive Action: SB 81; SB 96; SB 143; SB 369

00:24:57 Chair Ankney

### **HEARING ON SB 81**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:16 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 81, Provide tax credits for contributions to scholarship organizations.

#### **EXHIBIT(aph79a01)**

00:27:23 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:29:22 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:30:17 Rep. Jones arrived.

00:33:45 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:35:34 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:36:14 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:37:10 Dan Dodds, Tax Policy and Research, Director's Office, Department of Revenue (DOR)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:23 Rep. Ballance

00:38:04 Mr. Dodds, DOR

00:38:12 Rep. Ballance

00:38:22 Mr. Dodds, DOR

00:39:03 Rep. Ballance

00:39:19 Mr. Dodds, DOR

00:40:20 Rep. Ballance

00:40:55 Mr. Parman, OPI

00:41:41 Rep. Brodehl

00:42:06 Mr. Feaver, MEA-MFT

00:42:14 Rep. Brodehl

00:42:27 Mr. Feaver, MEA-MFT

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:52 Sen. Lewis

### **HEARING ON SB 143**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:44:31 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 143, Revise bison management.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:47:06 Rep. Alan Redfield, HD 61

00:47:40 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
00:48:12 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:48:36 Pat Flowers, Region 3, Fish & Wildlife Division Bureaus, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
00:51:07 Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock (DOL)  
00:52:24 Shane Morigeau, Confederation Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

**EXHIBIT(aph79a02)**

00:54:20 Rep. Rae Peppers, HD 41  
00:54:38 Dustin Monroe, Executive Director, Western Native Voice  
00:56:37 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:57:07 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31  
00:57:26 Jean Souvigney, Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
00:58:35 Rep. Osmundson arrived.  
00:58:50 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon  
00:59:43 Jay Troyer, Montana Conservation Voters  
01:00:03 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and World Wildlife Fund (WWF)  
01:00:42 Josh Osher, Buffalo Field Campaign

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:11 Sen. Brenden

**HEARING ON SB 369**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:49 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 369, Revise state cabin site leasing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:05:52 Margaret Morgan, Cabin Sites Lease Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:09:26 John Grimm, Bureau Chief, Real Estate Management, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:09:55 Sen. Facey

**HEARING ON SB 96****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:21 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 96, Lower the business and equipment tax.

**EXHIBIT(aph79a03)****Proponents' Testimony:**

01:11:26 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce and Montana Taxpayers Association  
01:13:05 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business  
01:13:40 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
01:15:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)  
01:15:37 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana Cattlewomen (MCW)  
01:15:59 Mark Lambrecht, Montana Treasure State Resource Industry Association

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

01:16:20 Jerome Patton, Tax Policy and Research, Director's Office, Department of Revenue (DOR)

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

01:16:41 Sen. Tutvedt  
01:17:41 Recessed.  
01:25:12 Reconvened with Rep. Edmunds not present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81**

01:25:32 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **SB 81 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:25:40 Rep. Ballance  
01:26:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Cook, Rep. Cuffe, Rep. Edmunds, Rep. Ehli, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Hagstrom, Rep. Jones and Rep. Osmundson voting aye. Rep. Edmunds voted by proxy. Rep. Cook will carry the bill.  
01:27:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **SB 81 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Ballance and Rep. Jones voting no. Rep. Edmunds was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96**

01:27:28 Rep. Edmunds arrived.

01:27:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **SB 96 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 13-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Whitford and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Ankney will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 143**

01:29:01 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **SB 143 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

01:29:05 Rep. Whitford

01:30:37 Rep. Noonan

01:31:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ehli, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. Jones, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Whitford and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Ankney will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 369**

01:32:27 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **SB 369 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

01:32:37 Rep. Dudik

01:34:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Whitford voting no. Rep. Ankney will carry the bill.

01:35:35 Chair Ankney

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:36:32

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Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph79aad.pdf](#))**