

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on January 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, 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 233, 1/23/2015; HB 244, 1/23/2015; HB 301, 1/23/2015

00:01:23 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:40 Rep. Mitch Tropila (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 233, Generally revising juvenile delinquency laws.

EXHIBIT(aph18a01)

00:04:57 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:11:08 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:15 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Supreme Court (SC)

00:13:59 Chair Ballance

00:14:05 Loraine Wodnik, Montana Department of Corrections (COR)

00:14:52 Chair Ballance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:09 Rep. Dudik

00:15:39 Rep. Tropila

00:15:46 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:16:11 Rep. Tropila

00:16:33 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:16:38 Rep. Tropila

00:16:43 Rep. Ellis

00:17:45 Rep. Tropila

00:18:22 Rep. Ellis

00:19:00 Rep. Tropila

00:19:06 Loraine Wodnik, COR

00:20:02 Chair Ballance

00:20:06 Rep. Cuffe

00:20:47 Rep. Tropila

00:22:02 Rep. Cuffe

00:22:13 Rep. Tropila

00:22:31 Rep. Burnett

00:22:52 Rep. Tropila

00:23:04 Beth McLaughlin, SC

00:23:41 Rep. Woods

00:23:49 Rep. McCarthy

00:24:25 Beth McLaughlin, SC

00:24:53 Rep. McCarthy

00:25:00 Rep. Woods

00:25:12 Chair Ballance

00:25:20 Rep. Woods

00:25:36 Rep. Tropila
00:25:47 Beth McLaughlin, SC
00:26:35 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:46 Rep. Tropila
00:27:17 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 244

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:35 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 244, Fund litigation protecting Montana products in interstate commerce.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:43 Sen. Ankney, SD 20
00:36:33 Chair Ballance
00:36:49 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council (MCC)
00:39:57 Chair Ballance
00:40:06 Chuck Denowh, Cloud Peak Energy (CPE)
00:42:32 Chair Ballance
00:42:38 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)
00:44:13 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:45:44 Chair Ballance
00:45:50 Aimee Grmoljez, Arch Coal (AC)
00:46:31 Chair Ballance
00:46:37 David Hoffman, Pennsylvania Power and Light Montana (PPL)
00:47:58 Chair Ballance
00:48:03 Melissa Lewis, Port of Northern Montana, City of Shelby (PNM, CS)
00:49:10 Chair Ballance

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:20 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:53:56 Chair Ballance
00:54:02 Theresa Keaveny, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)
00:54:24 Richard Parks, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

EXHIBIT(aph18a02)

00:56:52 Chair Ballance
00:56:56 Harold Hoem, Montana Elders for a Livable Tomorrow (MELT)
00:59:57 Chair Ballance
01:00:04 Dayna McClure, self
01:00:36 Chair Ballance
01:00:41 Gary Aitken, self
01:03:14 Chair Ballance

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:30 Rep. Brodehl
01:04:15 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:04:59 Rep. Brodehl
01:05:18 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:06:11 Rep. Brodehl
01:06:42 Rep. Essmann
01:07:27 Rep. Jones
01:08:01 Rep. Dudik
01:08:26 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:08:55 Rep. Dudik
01:09:12 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:10:20 Rep. Dudik
01:11:16 Chair Ballance
01:11:31 Rep. Dudik
01:11:39 Sen. Ankney
01:11:43 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:12:25 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:13:23 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:14:11 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:14:53 Rep. Woods
01:15:11 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:15:27 Rep. Woods
01:15:35 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:16:13 Rep. Woods
01:16:43 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:17:12 Rep. Woods
01:17:31 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:17:48 Rep. Woods
01:18:03 Rep. Essmann
01:18:37 Rep. Woods
01:18:52 Chair Ballance
01:19:09 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:19:39 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:20:10 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:20:26 Rep. Ellis
01:21:22 Chair Ballance
01:21:31 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:21:57 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:22:26 Rep. Ellis
01:22:54 Jon Bennion, DOJ
01:23:48 Rep. Ellis
01:24:18 Chair Ballance
01:24:27 Rep. Hagstrom
01:24:59 Bud Clinch, MCC
01:25:35 Rep. Hagstrom
01:25:57 Bud Clinch, MCC
01:26:17 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:26:40 Bud Clinch, MCC
01:27:06 Rep. Brodehl

01:27:35 Bud Clinch, MCC
 01:28:27 Rep. Brodehl
 01:28:47 Bud Clinch, MCC
 01:29:09 Rep. Mehlhoff
 01:30:15 Jon Bennion, DOJ
 01:31:39 Chair Ballance
 01:31:42 Rep. Dudik
 01:32:05 Rep. Essmann
 01:32:30 Rep. Dudik
 01:32:47 Jon Bennion, DOJ
 01:33:30 Rep. Dudik
 01:33:40 Jon Bennion, DOJ
 01:34:10 Rep. Jones
 01:34:56 Jon Bennion, DOJ
 01:35:26 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:35 Rep. Essmann
 01:38:02 Chair Ballance

 01:38:40 Brief recess
 01:45:52 Meeting reconvened.

HEARING ON HB 301**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:46:12 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 301, Native American Gap Financing Revolving Loan Program.

 01:49:07 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony:

01:49:19 Rep. Hertz, HD 12
 01:51:55 Rep. Webber, HD 16
 01:54:56 Chair Ballance
 01:55:05 Sen. Whitford, SD 8
 01:59:19 Jason Smith, Director of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office (GO)

EXHIBIT(aph18a03)

02:03:16 Chair Ballance
 02:03:22 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
 02:05:19 Sean Becker, Department of Commerce (DOC)
 02:09:36 Chair Ballance
 02:09:41 Mike Dalton, First Interstate Bank (FIB)
 02:10:39 Chair Ballance
 02:10:52 Loren White Jr., Native American Development Corporation (NADC)
 02:17:46 Chair Ballance
 02:17:54 Tom Edwards, Eagle Bank (EB)
 02:21:33 Chair Ballance

02:21:45 Martin J. DeWitt, Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC)
02:24:55 Chair Ballance

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:25:22 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:35 Rep. McCarthy
02:26:00 Sean Becker, DOC
02:26:19 Rep. McCarthy
02:26:47 Sean Becker, DOC
02:27:54 Rep. McCarthy
02:28:22 Tom Edwards, EB
02:28:32 Rep. Holmlund
02:29:03 Rep. Peppers
02:29:30 Rep. Holmlund
02:29:39 Rep. Peppers
02:30:10 Rep. Tropila
02:30:26 Sean Becker, DOC
02:30:29 Rep. Tropila
02:30:48 Sean Becker, DOC
02:31:10 Rep. Tropila
02:31:27 Sean Becker, DOC
02:32:02 Rep. Jones
02:32:12 Sean Becker, DOC
02:32:28 Chair Ballance
02:32:34 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
02:33:24 Rep. Jones
02:33:42 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
02:33:56 Chair Ballance
02:34:01 Rep. Burnett
02:34:44 Sean Becker, DOC
02:35:16 Rep. Burnett
02:35:26 Rep. Holmlund
02:35:49 Rep. Peppers
02:36:02 Sean Becker, DOC
02:36:21 Rep. Holmlund
02:36:45 Sean Becker, DOC
02:37:11 Rep. Jones
02:37:50 Sean Becker, DOC
02:38:13 Rep. Jones
02:38:33 Sean Becker, DOC
02:38:57 Rep. Jones
02:39:24 Sean Becker, DOC
02:39:59 Rep. Jones
02:40:48 Sean Becker, DOC
02:41:30 Rep. Burnett
02:42:19 Rep. Peppers

02:42:32 Rep. Burnett
02:43:12 Rep. Peppers
02:43:39 Rep. McCarthy
02:43:50 Sean Becker, DOC
02:44:18 Rep. Burnett
02:44:31 Sean Becker, DOC
02:44:54 Chair Ballance
02:45:26 Sean Becker, DOC
02:45:51 Chair Ballance

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:02 Rep. Peppers

02:46:39 Chair Ballance

ADJOURNMENT

02:47:09 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph18aad.pdf](#))