

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)
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. Kenneth Holmlund (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)

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 155, 2/2/2015; HB 120, 2/2/2015; HB 146, 2/2/2015; HB 145, 2/2/2015

00:01:15 Chair Ballance

HEARING ON HB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 155, Provide for the development of a digital archives plan.

EXHIBIT(aph27a01)

00:03:48 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:23 Jodie Foley, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

00:05:05 Molly Kruckenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

00:05:28 Denise King, Montana Historical Society (MHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:47 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:06:36 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:09:11 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:09:24 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:09:40 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:10:05 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:11:02 Rep. Holmlund

00:11:17 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:11:47 Rep. Holmlund

00:11:50 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:12:02 Rep. Tschida

00:12:46 Rep. Funk

00:13:20 Rep. Glimm

00:13:40 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:14:22 Rep. Glimm

00:14:37 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:14:44 Rep. Glimm

00:14:46 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:15:12 Rep. Holmlund

00:15:27 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:15:47 Rep. Holmlund

00:15:53 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:16:14 Chair Ballance

00:16:46 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:17:08 Chair Ballance

00:17:34 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

00:18:04 Chair Ballance

00:18:15 Molly Kruckenberg, MHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:33 Rep. Funk

HEARING ON HB 120**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:48 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 120, Remove sunset on the big sky on the big screen act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:31 Doug Mitchell, Department of Commerce (COM)

00:31:23 Jessie Luther, Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA)

00:32:56 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:42 Joe Balyeat, Montana Chapter Americans for Prosperity Foundation (MCAPF)

[**EXHIBIT\(aph27a02\)**](#)**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:24 Rep. Ellis

00:41:07 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:41:32 Rep. Ellis

00:41:46 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:42:06 Rep. Holmlund

00:42:35 Rep. Williams

00:42:50 Rep. Holmlund

00:43:06 Rep. Williams

00:43:31 Rep. Holmlund

00:43:42 Rep. Williams

00:43:54 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:44:24 Rep. Woods

00:44:50 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:46:28 Rep. Woods

00:46:46 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:47:35 Rep. Woods

00:47:57 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:48:45 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:49:53 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:51:13 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:52:13 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:53:43 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:54:00 Rep. Williams

00:54:08 Rep. Dudik

00:54:43 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:54:49 Rep. Tschida

00:55:05 Doug Mitchell, COM

00:55:06 Rep. Tschida

00:55:36 Doug Mitchell, COM
00:57:17 Rep. Tschida
00:57:25 Doug Mitchell, COM
00:57:50 Rep. Tropila
00:58:41 Stuart Doggett, MLHA
00:59:18 Rep. Burnett
00:59:35 Doug Mitchell, COM
00:59:44 Rep. Burnett
01:00:14 Doug Mitchell, COM
01:00:38 Rep. Burnett
01:01:00 Doug Mitchell, COM
01:02:47 Chair Ballance
01:03:16 Doug Mitchell, COM
01:04:17 Rep. Jones
01:04:52 Joe Balyeat, MCAFP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:26 Rep. Williams

HEARING ON HB 146**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:46 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 146, Revise distribution of block management funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:27 Jay Bodner Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)
01:19:54 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:21:01 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:21:57 Jeff Hagener, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(aph27a03\)](#)

01:24:42 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:26:45 Carl Garcia, self

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

01:27:36 Rep. Ellis
01:28:52 Jeff Hagener, FWP
01:30:20 Rep. Ellis
01:30:41 Jeff Hagener, FWP
01:30:51 Rep. Tschida
01:31:10 Rep. Flynn
01:32:11 Rep. Tschida
01:32:49 Rep. Flynn
01:33:09 Rep. Tschida

01:33:22 Rep. Tropila
 01:34:00 Rep. Flynn
 01:35:03 Rep. Tropila
 01:35:39 Rep. Flynn
 01:37:27 Rep. Holmlund
 01:37:45 Rep. Flynn
 01:38:32 Rep. Holmlund
 01:38:50 Rep. Flynn
 01:39:11 Chair Ballance
 01:39:33 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 01:39:54 Rep. Dudik
 01:40:10 Rep. Flynn
 01:40:39 Rep. Dudik
 01:41:12 Rep. Flynn
 01:41:47 Rep. Dudik
 01:42:01 Jeff Hegener, FWP
 01:43:23 Rep. Mehlhoff
 01:44:11 Jeff Hegener, FWP
 01:44:56 Rep. Ehli
 01:45:20 Rep. Flynn
 01:45:31 Chair Ballance
 01:45:48 Jeff Hegener, FWP
 01:46:15 Rep. Woods
 01:46:58 Jeff Hegener, FWP
 01:47:25 Rep. Glimm
 01:47:33 Rep. Hollandsworth arrived.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:51 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON HB 145**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:50:29 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 145, Revise laws related to livestock loss.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:55:46 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
 01:59:35 Ben Lamb, Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC)
 02:01:29 Wayne Slaght, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 02:03:47 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 02:05:18 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 02:06:25 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(aph27a04)

02:07:27 Jay Bodner, Montana Cattle Women (MCW)
 02:08:18 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

02:08:53 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:10:35 Rep. Ellis
02:11:46 Rep. Cuffe
02:14:24 Rep. Ellis
02:14:59 Rep. Cuffe
02:15:38 Rep. Ellis
02:16:18 George Edwards, LLB
02:17:18 Rep. Ellis
02:19:07 Rep. Cuffe
02:20:47 Chair Ballance
02:21:23 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
02:21:33 Rep. Cuffe
02:21:58 Chair Ballance
02:22:11 Jim Brown, MWGA
02:26:01 Rep. Holmlund
02:26:25 Rep. Cuffe
02:26:48 George Edwards, LLB

[EXHIBIT\(aph27a05\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

02:28:11 Rep. Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

02:32:29 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph27aad.pdf](#))