

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (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. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katya Grover, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 167, 2/6/2015; HB 185, 2/6/2015; HB 201, 2/6/2015; SB 32, 2/6/2015

Executive Action: HB 202; HB 314; HB 244; HB 301; HB 233; HB 146

00:01:24 Chair Ballance
00:01:28 Rep. Ehli arrived.
00:02:21 Rep. Ellis arrived.

HEARING ON SB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:37 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 32, Revise state bond sale laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:48 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: none

Informational Testimony: none

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:10 Rep. Burnett
00:07:29 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:08:05 Rep. Cuffe
00:08:25 Anna Miller
00:09:07 Rep. Cuffe
00:09:11 Anna Miller
00:09:29 Rep. Cuffe
00:09:34 Anna Miller
00:10:14 Rep. Glimm
00:10:50 Rep. Noonan arrived.
00:11:40 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:12:25 Rep. Woods
00:12:57 Sen. Sesso
00:13:31 Rep. Woods
00:13:38 Sen. Sesso
00:13:45 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:14:38 Chair Ballance
00:15:10 Sen. Sesso
00:15:19 Anna Miller, DNRC
00:15:45 Chair Ballance
00:15:49 Anna Miller, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:05 Sen. Sesso

HEARING ON HB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:01 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 167, Generally revise off-highway vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:02 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)

[EXHIBIT\(aph30a01\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:** none**Informational Testimony:**

00:21:20 Chas Van Genderen, Fish, wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:48 Rep. Holmlund

00:22:06 Rep. Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:27 Rep. Welborn

00:23:07 Recessed

00:30:57 Reconvened. Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Woods were not present.

HEARING ON HB 185**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:05 Rep. Jean Price (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 185, Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding.

[EXHIBIT\(aph30a02\)](#)

00:39:26 Chair Ballance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:07 Gary Dalton, Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

00:44:00 Jane Hamman, Montana Traffic Education Association (MTEA)

00:48:28 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:50:14 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: none**Informational Testimony:** none**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:51:22 Rep. Holmlund

00:51:56 Rep. Price

00:52:25 Fran Penner-Ray, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:53:31 Rep. Holmlund

00:53:39 Fran Penner-Ray, OPI

00:54:23 Rep. Holmlund

00:54:45 Fran Penner-Ray, OPI

00:55:20 Rep. Holmlund

00:55:28 Fran Penner-Ray, OPI

00:55:44 Rep. Tschida

00:56:06 Fran Penner-Ray, OPI
00:56:46 Rep. Tschida
00:57:04 Fran Penner-Ray, OPI
00:57:12 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:57:43 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:58:42 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:58:51 Dennis Parman, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:59:43 Rep. Jones
01:00:40 Mike Kadas, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:00:45 Rep. Jones
01:01:41 Rep. Price
01:03:00 Rep. Jones
01:03:45 Rep. Price
01:04:08 Chair Ballance
01:04:23 Jane Hamman, MTEA
01:05:04 Chair Ballance
01:05:09 Joe Triem, LFD
01:05:59 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:08:23 Rep. Jones
01:08:53 Chair Ballance
01:08:58 Rep. Tschida
01:09:22 Joe Triem, LFD
01:10:08 Rep. Cuffe
01:10:47 Steve York, OPI
01:11:52 Rep. Cuffe
01:11:59 Steve York, OPI

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:13 Rep. Price

HEARING ON HB 201

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:50 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 201, Lower state property tax mills.

EXHIBIT(aph30a03)

Proponents' Testimony: none

Opponents' Testimony:

01:16:11 Madalyn Quinlan, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:18:53 Mike Kadas, Director, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
01:21:23 Erik Burke, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Informational Testimony: none

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:40 Rep. Tschida

01:24:36 Rep. Regier
01:24:45 Mike Kadas, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:23 Rep. Regier

01:26:22 Recessed

01:38:59 Reconvened. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods were not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 202

01:39:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 202 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hagstrom, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 233

01:41:40 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 233 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:42:00 Rep. Tropila

01:42:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 244

01:43:38 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 244 DO PASS**.

01:43:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 244 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Woods was excused.

EXHIBIT(aph30a04)

01:44:32 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 244 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:44:42 Rep. Ellis

01:46:08 Rep. Dudik

01:46:56 Rep. McCarthy

01:47:39 Rep. Peppers

01:47:59 Rep. Hagstrom

01:48:19 Rep. Dudik

01:48:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hagstrom, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 301

01:49:57 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 301 DO PASS.**

01:50:20 **Motion:** Rep. Peppers moved that **HB 301 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph30a05)

01:52:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote. Rep. Woods was excused.

01:53:09 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:53:17 Rep. McCarthy

01:54:41 Rep. Mehlhoff

01:55:47 Rep. Burnett

01:56:35 Rep. McCarthy

01:57:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hollandsworth, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Woods voting aye. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

01:58:46 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 301 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

01:59:08 Rep. Osmundson

01:59:24 Rep. Dudik

01:59:42 Chair Ballance

02:00:09 Rep. Burnett

02:00:25 Chair Ballance

02:01:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by voice vote with Rep. Ellis, Rep. Mehlhoff and Rep. Tropila voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 314

02:01:41 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 314 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:01:56 Rep. Noonan

02:03:47 Rep. Tropila

02:05:06 Rep. Peppers

02:06:18 Rep. Tschida

02:07:54 Rep. Hollandsworth

02:08:21 Joe Triem, LFD

02:09:03 Rep. Hollandsworth

02:09:07 Joe Triem, LFD

02:09:40 Rep. Ehli

02:11:30 Rep. Dudik
02:12:49 Rep. McCarthy
02:14:35 Rep. Mehlhoff

02:15:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Ballance, Rep. Brodehl, Rep. Burnett, Rep. Glimm, Rep. Hagstrom, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Jones, Rep. Osmundson and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 146

02:17:09 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 146 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

02:18:05 Rep. Ellis
02:18:13 Chair Ballance

02:18:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan and Rep. Peppers voting no. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods were excused.

02:20:11 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 146 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:20:17 Rep. Ellis
02:21:29 Rep. McCarthy
02:23:04 Rep. Mehlhoff
02:24:56 Rep. Osmundson
02:26:23 Chair Ballance
02:27:29 Rep. Ellis
02:29:11 Chair Ballance

02:29:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers and Rep. Woods voting no. Rep. Brodehl and Rep. Woods voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:31:10 Adjournment

Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph30aad.pdf](#))