

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 12, 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. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
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. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (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 123, 2/6/2015; HB 3, 2/6/2015; HB 4, 2/6/2015  
Executive Action: HB 123; HB 354

00:01:47 Rep. Dudik arrived.  
00:01:48 Chair Ballance

### **HEARING ON HB 123**

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

00:02:09 Rep. Donald Jones (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 123, Generally revise public records laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** none

**Opponents' Testimony:** none

**Informational Testimony:** none

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

00:02:46 Rep. Ellis  
00:03:29 Rep. Jones  
00:03:56 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:04:42 Rep. McCarthy  
00:04:55 Joe Triem, LFD  
00:05:13 Rep. Burnett arrived.  
00:05:31 Re. Hollandsworth arrived.  
00:05:40 Chair Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:** chose not to close

### **HEARING ON HB 3**

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

00:06:12 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 3, Supplemental Appropriations.

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

00:12:36 Amy Sassano, Deputy Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
00:19:18 Sheila Hogan, Director, Department of Administration (D of A)  
00:24:08 Harry Freebourn, Administrative Director, Office of Public Defender (OPD)  
00:28:10 Jonathan Motl, Commissioner of Political Practices (CPP)  
00:37:30 Ken Bailey, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public Instructions (OPI)  
00:38:32 Pat Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Corrections (COR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** none

**Informational Testimony:** none

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

00:41:11 Rep. Brodehl  
00:41:52 Amy Sassano, OBPP

00:42:54 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.  
 00:43:32 Rep. Burnett  
 00:43:43 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
 00:43:57 Rep. Brodehl  
 00:44:05 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
 00:44:10 Rep. Brodehl  
 00:44:51 Rep. Dudik  
 00:45:33 Harry Freebourn, OPD  
 00:46:38 Rep. Dudik  
 00:46:47 Harry Freebourn, OPD  
 00:46:54 Rep. Dudik  
 00:47:06 Harry Freebourn, OPD  
 00:47:55 Rep. Dudik  
 00:48:09 Harry Freebourn, OPD  
 00:48:23 Rep. Tschida  
 00:49:09 Ken Bailey, OPI  
 00:49:24 Rep. Tschida  
 00:49:29 Ken Bailey, OPI  
 00:49:53 Rep. Dudik  
 00:50:36 Pat Schlauch, COR  
 00:50:59 Rep. Dudik  
 00:51:19 Pat Schlauch, COR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:42 Rep. Noonan  
 00:53:31 Rep. Osmundson assumed chairmanship.

**HEARING ON HB 4****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:03 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 4, Appropriations by budget amendment.

**EXHIBIT(aph32a01)****Proponents' Testimony:**

00:56:22 Amy Sassano, Deputy Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
 00:57:03 Sheila Hogan, Director, Department of Administration (D of A)  
 00:58:17 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
 00:59:52 Chair Osmundson

**Opponents' Testimony:** none**Informational Testimony:**

01:00:22 Kim Moog, Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)  
 01:00:32 Ken Bailey, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Public Instructions (OPI)  
 01:00:44 Denise King, Central Services Administrator, Montana Historical Society (MHS)  
 01:00:54 Tricia Schiltz, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:01:04 Beth McLaughlin, Administrator, Montana Supreme Court (SC)  
01:01:11 Larry Flynn, Administrator, Montana Department of Transportation (DOT)  
01:01:18 Tom Butler, Chief, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)  
01:01:26 Brandi Pierson, Chief Fiscal Officer, Secretary of State (SOS)  
01:01:37 Dean Rude, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
01:01:49 Pat Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Corrections (COR)  
01:01:55 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
01:02:01 Sundi West, Executive Operations Manager, Department of Military Affairs  
(DMA)  
01:02:11 Deb Matteucci, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:26 Rep. Dudik  
01:03:09 Beth McLaughlin, SC  
01:03:12 Rep. Dudik  
01:03:2 Beth McLaughlin, SC  
01:03:28 Rep. Dudik  
01:04:09 Kim Moog, DLI  
01:04:22 Rep. Dudik  
01:04:46 Kim Moog, DLI  
01:04:56 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:05:24 Rep. Dudik  
01:05:38 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:05:55 Rep. Holmlund  
01:06:39 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:06:51 Rep. Holmlund  
01:07:09 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:07:18 Rep. Holmlund  
01:07:35 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:07:57 Rep. Holmlund  
01:08:18 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:08:23 Rep. Holmlund  
01:08:26 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:08:35 Rep. Holmlund  
01:08:39 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:08:56 Rep. Holmlund  
01:09:04 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:09:20 Rep. Holmlund  
01:09:38 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
01:09:58 Rep. Glimm  
01:10:28 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
01:10:51 Rep. Glimm  
01:10:56 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
01:11:47 Chair Osmundson  
01:11:5 Rep. Glimm  
01:12:07 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
01:12:21 Rep. Glimm  
01:12:54 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
01:13:12 Rep. Glimm

01:13:14 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
 01:13:26 Rep. Glimm  
 01:13:40 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
 01:14:06 Rep. Glimm  
 01:14:14 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
 01:14:18 Rep. Glimm  
 01:14:2 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
 01:14:42 Rep. Glimm  
 01:14:54 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP  
 01:15:12 Rep. Glimm  
 01:15:24 Sue Daly, Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
 01:16:25 Rep. Glimm  
 01:16:30 Sue Daly, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:16:53 Rep. Ballance  
 01:17:38 Rep. Ballance resumed chairmanship.  
 01:19:53 Recess  
 01:28:02 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 123**

01:28:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 123 DO PASS**. Motion carried 17-3 by voice vote with Rep. Noonan, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 354**

01:28:15 Chair Ballance  
 01:30:00 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 354 DO PASS**.  
 01:30:11 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 354 BE AMENDED**.  
[\*\*EXHIBIT\(aph32a02\)\*\*](#)  
 01:31:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Woods voting no.  
 01:32:16 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 354 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

01:32:25 Rep. Dudik  
 01:32:35 Rep. Brodehl  
 01:33:39 Rep. Dudik  
 01:33:44 Rep. Brodehl  
 01:33:57 Brett Dahl, Administrator, Risk Management and Tort Defense Division (RMTDD), Department of Administration (DOA)  
 01:34:16 Rep. Tschida

01:34:49 Rep. McCarthy

01:35:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:35:49 Rep. Tropila

01:37:23 Brett Dahl, DOA

01:37:46 Chair Ballance

01:38:28 Rep. Cuffe

01:38:49 Brett Dahl, DOA

01:39:16 Rep. Cuffe

01:39:20 Brett Dahl, DOA

01:39:28 Chair Ballance

01:39:46 Rep. Osmundson

01:40:30 Chair Ballance

01:40:42 Rep. Cuffe

01:41:00 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:41:30      Adjournment

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Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph32aad.pdf](#))**