

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on March 24, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Rob Cook (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

**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 14, 3/22/2017; HB 645, 3/22/2017; HB 648, 3/22/2017

**HEARING ON HB 648****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:38 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 648, Authorize transfers and clarify natural resources funding (Sec. C).

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:20 Rep. McCarthy

00:06:43 Rep. Glimm

00:07:24 Rep. Ellis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:00 Rep. Glimm

00:08:14 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 14****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:14 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 14, Bonding program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:31 Tracy Ellig, Montana State University (MSU)

00:11:11 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

00:11:43 Jennifer Olson, Department of Commerce (COM)

00:12:06 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:12:39 Greg Moore, Red Water Authority

**Informational Testimony:**

00:13:08 Kathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:34 Rep. Knokey

00:15:28 Rep. Keane

00:16:00 Chair Ballance

00:16:36 Rep. Hamlett

00:17:04 Chair Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:39 Rep. Keane

**HEARING ON HB 645****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:41 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 645, Provide funding for capital and infrastructure projects statewide.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:30 Carry Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)  
00:25:30 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
00:27:50 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:28:43 Director Dan Villa, Office Of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:29:19 Kathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:41 Rep. McCarthy  
00:32:46 Rep. Cuffe  
00:33:06 Chair Ballance  
00:33:32 Rep. D. Jones  
00:34:12 Rep. Tschida  
00:34:38 Carry Hegreberg, MCA  
00:35:52 Rep. Ellis  
00:36:24 Chair Ballance  
00:36:48 Kathy Duncan, LFD  
00:37:34 Chair Ballance  
00:37:47 Rep. Woods  
00:39:54 Rep. Cuffe  
00:40:57 Rep. Lynch  
00:41:51 Rep. Cuffe  
00:43:09 Rep. Dudik  
00:43:33 Director Dan Villa, OBPP  
00:44:40 Rep. D. Jones  
00:45:53 Rep. Cuffe  
00:46:48 Rep. Tschida  
00:47:12 Chair Ballance  
00:47:41 Rep. Keane  
00:48:41 Rep. Cuffe  
00:50:43 Rep. Peppers  
00:52:42 Rep. Cuffe  
00:53:07 Rep. Hamlett  
00:54:09 Rep. Cuffe  
00:55:48 Rep. Hamlett  
00:56:24 Christine Hultin-Brus, Office and Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
00:56:37 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:57:00 Rep. Hamlett  
00:59:07 Chair Ballance  
01:00:00 Rep. Ellis

01:03:39 Kathy Duncan, LFD  
01:04:28 Chair Ballance  
01:05:15 Rep. Ellis  
01:05:56 Chair Ballance  
01:06:04 Rep. Knokey  
01:08:09 Rep. Cuffe  
01:09:01 Chair Ballance  
01:09:37 Rep. Cuffe  
01:15:43 Rep. Keane  
01:17:36 Chair Ballance  
01:17:46 Rep. Hopkins  
01:18:18 Rep. Cuffe  
01:18:28 Chair Ballance  
01:18:34 Rep. Cuffe  
01:18:44 Rep. Hopkins  
01:18:55 Rep. Cuffe  
01:19:26 Rep. Woods  
01:20:00 Rep. Cuffe  
01:21:29 Rep. Lynch  
01:21:40 Chair Ballance  
01:22:42 Rep. Hamlett  
01:23:33 Chair Ballance  
01:23:45 Rep. Hamlett  
01:24:17 Rep. Cuffe  
01:26:36 Chair Ballance  
01:28:03 Rep. Hamlett  
01:28:40 Rep. Cuffe  
01:32:05 Chair Ballance  
01:32:28 Rep. Hamlett  
01:33:07 Chair Ballance  
01:33:53 Carry Hegreberger, MCA  
01:34:00 Chair Ballance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:35 Rep. Cuffe  
  
01:37:50 Chair Ballance  
01:39:34 Rep. Ellis  
01:39:45 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:40:45

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph61aad.pdf](#))**