

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By Chairman Dave Kasten, on January 18, 2007 at 8:05 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Nancy Hall, OBPP
Catherine Duncan, 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 6, 1/3/2007; HB 8, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:13 Ms. Duncan

[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a01\)](#)

00:02:24 Rep. Kasten

CONTINUED PRESENTATIONS ON HB 6 AND HB 8

00:02:39 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON BEAVERHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

00:02:45 Pam Smith, Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program
(RRGLP)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:06 Rep. Debby Barrett, HD 72, Dillon

00:04:52 Ms. Duncan

[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a02\)](#)

00:05:17 Noorjana Hunt-Parwana, Big Hole Watershed Committee

[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh12a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:34 Sen. Barkus

00:07:53 Ms. Smith

00:08:21 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON BEAVERHEAD COUNTY:

00:08:32 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:42 Rep. Barrett

00:10:26 Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON GREEN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

00:12:20 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:59 Sen. Jim Elliott, SD 7, Trout Creek
00:14:46 Mike Miller, Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:10 Rep. Kasten
00:19:29 Mr. Miller
00:20:19 Rep. Callahan
00:20:33 Mr. Miller
00:21:32 Rep. Callahan
00:21:39 Mr. Miller

PRESENTATION ON SANDERS COUNTY:

00:22:37 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:41 Sen. Elliott
00:25:24 Barbara Woodberry, Sanders County Sanitation
[EXHIBIT \(j1h12a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:01 Sen. Barkus
00:29:15 Ms. Smith
00:30:28 Ms. Woodberry

**PRESENTATION ON MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND CONSERVATION (DNRC):**

00:31:20 Bob Fischer, DNRC
00:32:54 Rep. Kasten
00:33:02 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:58 Kevin Smith, DNRC
[EXHIBIT \(j1h12a06\)](#)
00:40:47 Bill Dennis, Irrigation District
[EXHIBIT \(j1h12a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:29 Rep. Kasten
00:46:45 Mr. Dennis
00:46:55 Rep. Kasten
00:47:14 Mr. Dennis
00:48:58 Rep. Kasten
00:49:29 Mr. Dennis
00:49:55 Rep. Kasten
00:50:12 Mr. Dennis
00:50:22 Mr. Smith

PRESENTATION ON RAVALLI COUNTY:

00:52:33 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:49 Alan Thompson, Ravalli County Commission
00:54:48 Laura Hendrix, Ravalli County

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:28 Rep. Kasten
00:59:13 Ms. Hendrix
00:59:50 Sen. Barkus
01:00:14 Mr. Thompson

PRESENTATION ON EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

01:01:04 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:50 Dennis Miotke, East Bench Irrigation District

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:40 Rep. Kasten
01:05:50 Mr. Miotke
01:06:10 Rep. Kasten
01:06:15 Mr. Miotke

PRESENTATION ON PHILIPSBURG:

01:06:40 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:27 Anne Filmore, Mayor of Town of Philipsburg

01:10:24 Dick Hoehne, Philipsburg Public Works

01:12:39 Gary Swanson, Philipsburg Engineer

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:26 Rep. Kasten

FURTHER PROPONENTS FOR EAST BENCH IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

01:16:09 Rep. Barrett

PRESENTATION ON SUNSET IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

01:17:10 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:54 Wayne Olson, Sunset Irrigation District

01:26:22 Mark McFadgen, Sunset County Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:08 Sen. Cooney

01:28:23 Mr. Olson

01:29:00 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON SWEETGRASS CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

01:29:39 Ms. Smith

01:31:09 Ms. Duncan

01:31:16 Ms. Smith

01:32:15 Ms. Duncan

01:32:46 Break

01:56:16 Reconvene

**CONTINUATION OF PRESENTATION ON SWEETGRASS
CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON LIVINGSTON:

01:56:43 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:58:01 Ed Meece, Livingston City Manager

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:10 Sen. Barkus
02:01:39 Mr. Meece
02:02:00 Sen. Cooney
02:02:17 Mr. Meece
02:03:39 Sen. Cooney
02:04:01 Mr. Meece
02:04:35 Sen. Cooney
02:04:41 Mr. Meece
02:05:12 Sen. Cooney
02:05:36 Mr. Meece
02:06:22 Rep. Kasten
02:06:37 Mr. Meece
02:07:22 Rep. Kasten

Discussion:

02:07:40 Sen. Cooney
02:08:11 Ms. Duncan
02:08:16 Sen. Cooney
02:08:25 Ms. Miller
02:08:40 Ms. Smith
02:08:47 Sen. Cooney
02:09:13 Ms. Miller
02:10:05 Sen. Cooney
02:10:20 Ms. Miller
02:11:23 Rep. Kasten
02:11:43 Sen. Cooney

ADJOURNMENT

02:12:25 Adjournment: 10:17 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(j1h12a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(j1h12a09\)](#)

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(j1h12aad.pdf\)](#)