

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 19, 2007 at 8:02 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)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
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.

CONTINUED PRESENTATIONS ON HB 6 AND HB 8

00:00:28 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON FORT PECK TRIBES (D-4):

00:00:33 Pam Smith, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:00 Carl Fourstar, Fort Peck Water Users Association
00:06:34 Robert Anderson, Fort Peck Water Users Association
00:07:25 Mr. Fourstar
00:08:29 Sharon Anderson, Self
00:09:15 Sen. Frank Smith, SD 16, Poplar
00:10:02 Matt Jergeson, Morrison-Maierly

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON FORT PECK TRIBES (58 MAIN):

00:13:49 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:26 Mr. Fourstar
00:18:58 Mr. Anderson
00:19:37 Craig Odenbach, Houston Engineering
00:20:09 Ms. Anderson
00:20:58 Sen. Smith
00:21:13 Rep. Kasten
00:22:21 Sen. Smith
00:22:27 Mr. Fourstar
00:23:03 Mr. Jergeson, self

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON HYSHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

00:25:11 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:15 Bart Icopini, Hysham Irrigation District

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:07 Rep. Kasten
00:34:18 Mr. Icopini
00:34:30 Rep. Kasten
00:34:35 Mr. Icopini

Further Proponents' Testimony on Hysham:

00:36:01 Rep. Duane Ankney, HD 43, Colstrip

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:38 Sen. Barkus
00:37:44 Mr. Icopini
00:38:30 Sen. Barkus
00:38:35 Mr. Icopini

PRESENTATION ON SHERIDAN COUNTY:

00:39:51 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:30 Doug Smith, Sheridan County
00:45:25 Rep. Julie French, HD 36, Scobey
00:46:38 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg, SD 18, Glasgow

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:39 Rep. Kasten
00:48:17 Mr. Smith
00:48:37 Rep. Kasten
00:48:58 Mr. Smith
00:49:14 Sen. Barkus
00:49:42 Ms. Smith
00:50:03 Rep. Kasten
00:50:30 Sen. Barkus
00:50:45 Mr. Smith

PRESENTATION ON SIDNEY WATER USERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

00:52:00 Bob Fischer, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:31 Raymond Bell, Sidney Water Users Irrigation District
00:58:11 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON MALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

00:59:07 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:07 Don Green, Malta Irrigation District
01:00:58 Erling Juel, Thomas, Dean & Hoskins
01:02:19 Wade Jones, Malta Irrigation District
01:02:57 Max Maddox, Montana Water Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

**PRESENTATION ON MILK RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT JOINT
BOARD OF CONTROL:**

01:04:25 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:29 Kay Blatter, Milk River Irrigation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:20 Rep. Kasten
01:14:35 Mr. Blatter
01:15:02 Rep. Kasten
01:15:50 Mr. Blatter
01:16:05 Rep. Kasten

Further Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:39 Mr. Juel
01:19:11 Mr. Maddox
01:20:56 Mr. Green

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:10 Sen. Barkus
01:23:06 Mr. Juel
01:27:54 Rep. Kasten
01:28:07 Mr. Juel
01:28:53 Mr. Blatter

PRESENTATION ON CHESTER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

01:31:18 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:28 Ken Gagnon, Chester Irrigation Steering Committee
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a04\)](#)
01:39:55 Leonard Streit, farmer
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a05\)](#)
01:45:01 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14, Shelby
01:48:57 Mr. Juel
01:51:29 Mr. Amestoy
01:53:05 Mr. Maddox

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:45 Rep. Kasten
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a06\)](#)
01:58:08 Sen. Barkus
01:58:15 Sen. Black

PRESENTATION ON GLACIER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

02:00:36 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

02:01:46 Gloria Mason, Glacier County Conservation District
02:04:05 Roger Zentzis, Marias River Watershed
02:09:23 Sen. Black
02:11:25 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:12 Sen. Barkus
02:12:40 Mr. Zentzis
02:14:10 Sen. Barkus
02:14:18 Mr. Zentzis
02:15:33 Sen. Barkus
02:16:04 Mr. Zentzis
02:16:46 Rep. Kasten
02:16:53 Mr. Zentzis
02:17:00 Rep. Kasten
02:17:08 Mr. Zentzis

PRESENTATION ON PONDERA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

02:18:29 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

02:19:42 Ramsey Offerdal, Pondera County Conservation District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a07\)](#)
02:21:20 Mr. Zentzis
02:24:43 Ms. Carlson
02:25:04 Sen. Black
02:25:29 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:50 Rep. Kasten
02:27:23 Mr. Zentzis
02:28:06 Rep. Kasten
02:28:25 Mr. Zentzis
02:29:25 Rep. Kasten
02:29:39 Mr. Zentzis
02:29:56 Ms. Holzer
02:30:51 Rep. Kasten
02:31:12 Ms. Holzer
02:31:24 Rep. Kasten
02:31:41 Mr. Zentzis

PRESENTATION ON TOWN OF SUNBURST

02:33:15 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:57 Gary Iverson, Town of Sunburst Mayor

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a08\)](#)

02:41:43 Peter Norbeck, Montana Bureau of Mines

02:43:01 Sen. Black

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:43:55 Sen. Barkus

02:44:23 Mr. Iverson

02:44:41 Seb. Barkus

02:44:47 Mr. Iverson

02:45:03 Rep. Kasten

02:45:25 Mr. Iverson

02:46:00 Rep. Kasten

02:46:38 Mr. Norbeck

02:47:09 Rep. Kasten

02:47:18 Mr. Iverson

02:47:57 Rep. Kasten

02:48:09 Sen. Barkus

02:48:14 Sen. Black

Closing by Sponsor:

02:49:04 Rep. Kasten

Discussion:

02:49:25 Rep. Kasten

02:50:04 Ms. Duncan

02:50:42 Rep. Kasten

02:50:49 Ms. Duncan

02:51:20 Rep. Kasten

02:51:24 Ms. Duncan

02:51:35 Sen. Barkus

02:51:46 Rep. Kasten

02:52:04 Ms. Duncan

Additional Exhibits:

Document distributed for committee business.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a09\)](#)

Document distributed pertaining to all projects within HB 6 and HB 8.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh13a10\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

02:52:50 Adjournment: 10:55 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jlh13aad.pdf](#))