

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 22, 2007 at 8:00 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)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)

Members Excused:

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.

00:00:04 Ms. Duncan
00:00:43 Sen. Barkus
00:01:00 Rep. Kasten

CONTINUED PRESENTATIONS ON HB 6 AND HB 8

00:01:14 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON MONTANA DEQ- GEOTHERMAL:

00:01:20 Bob Fischer, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DRNC)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:20 Kathy Montgomery, Montana Department of Environmental
Quality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a02\)](#)

00:09:53 Russell Doty, Green Electricity Buying Cooperatives

00:13:37 Dennis Lester, Park Street Properties

00:16:26 Richard Simmons, Granite Hot Springs

00:18:13 Ginette Abdo, Montana Bureau of Mines

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:03 Sen. Barkus
00:19:17 Ms. Montgomery
00:19:27 Sen. Barkus
00:19:31 Ms. Montgomery
00:19:40 Sen. Barkus
00:19:47 Ms. Montgomery
00:20:16 Sen. Barkus
00:20:38 Ms. Montgomery
00:21:43 Rep. Kasten
00:22:18 Ms. Montgomery
00:22:58 Rep. Kasten
00:23:18 Ms. Montgomery
00:24:47 Rep. Kasten
00:24:52 Ms. Montgomery

PRESENTATION ON GEYSER JUDITH BASIN WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:

00:25:48 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:01 Chris Schmitt, Geyser County Water-Sewer Board
00:27:41 Joel Pilcher, Great West Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:37 Rep. Kasten
00:30:44 Mr. Pilcher
00:31:07 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON MONTANA DNRC- SMITH CREEK CANAL:

00:32:32 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:17 Kevin Smith, DNRC
[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a04\)](#)
00:38:46 Richard Artz, Nilan Water Users Association
[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON MONTANA DNRC- MIDDLE CREEK DAM:

00:42:30 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:06 Rob Kingery, DNRC
[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a06\)](#)
00:47:15 Brian Crandell, Central Valley Fire District
00:50:16 Kandy Rose, Bozeman
00:52:36 John Tubbs, DNRC

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:25 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:53:38 Mr. Tubbs
00:54:30 Sen. Barkus
00:55:31 Mr. Smith
00:56:48 Sen. Barkus

00:57:18 Mr. Smith
00:58:03 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:58:20 Mr. Smith

PRESENTATION ON MONTANA DNRC- ACKLEY LAKE DAM:

00:58:52 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:00:22 Mr. Smith

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a07\)](#)

01:05:43 Charles Thomas, Ackley Lake Water Users Association

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:57 Sen. Cooney
01:11:23 Mr. Smith
01:11:53 Mr. Thomas
01:12:44 Rep. Kasten
01:13:05 Mr. Thomas

PRESENTATION ON HILL COUNTY:

01:14:34 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:20 Cathy Bessette, Hill County Commission
01:18:12 Rep. Bob Bergren, HD 33, Havre
01:19:04 Mr. Tubbs
01:20:12 Annmarie Robinson, Bear Paw Development

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:31 Sen. Barkus
01:23:06 Rep. Bergren
01:23:27 Sen. Barkus
01:23:55 Ms. Robinson

PRESENTATION ON FERGUS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

01:24:40 Pam Smith, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony:

01:26:30 Dan Stilson, Fergus Conservation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a09\)](#)

01:29:18 Shonny Nordlund, fisherman

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:00 Rep. Hollenbaugh

01:31:28 Mr. Stilson

01:31:46 Rep. Hollenbaugh

01:31:51 Mr. Stilson

PRESENTATION ON BUFFALO RAPIDS PROJECT- DISTRICT 2:

01:32:28 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:18 Sen. Barkus

01:34:24 Sen. Brueggeman

01:34:44 Rep. Kasten

01:35:39 Sen. Brueggeman

01:35:58 Sen. Barkus

01:36:15 Ms. Smith

01:36:36 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON BUFFALO RAPIDS PROJECT- DISTRICT 1:

01:36:55 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:04 Rep. Kasten

01:39:23 Break

02:00:20 Reconvene

PRESENTATION ON DNRC- TREE PLANTING:

02:00:30 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

02:01:19 Bob Harrington, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a11\)](#)

02:05:43 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation
Districts

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:07:05 Rep. Kasten

02:07:15 Mr. Harrington

PRESENTATION ON GREENFIELD IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

02:08:34 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

02:09:37 Bob Hardin, Greenfield Irrigation District

02:11:13 Alan Rollo, Muddy Creek Watershed Group

[EXHIBIT\(jlh14a12\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:43 Sen. Cooney

PRESENTATION ON NORTH POWELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

02:14:09 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:15:34 Rep. Hollenbaugh

VIDEO PRESENTATION- DNRC:

02:16:40 Ms. Duncan
02:17:20 Anna Miller, DNRC
02:18:06 Mr. Fischer
02:18:57 Ms. Miller
02:19:11 Video "You Don't Miss Your Water Till Your Well Runs
Dry" begins

EXHIBIT(jlh14a13)

02:37:00 Ms. Miller
02:37:28 Rep. Kasten
02:37:31 Mr. Fischer
02:37:48 Rep. Kasten
02:38:29 Ms. Miller
02:38:31 Rep. Kasten

Additional Exhibits:

Document distributed for committee business.

EXHIBIT(jlh14a14)

Document distributed for committee business.

EXHIBIT(jlh14a15)

Document pertaining to HB 6 and HB 8 submitted on January 19,
2007 following the hearing and completion of those minutes.

EXHIBIT(jlh14a16)

Document pertaining to HB 6 and HB 8 submitted on January 19,
2007 following the hearing and completion of those minutes.

EXHIBIT(jlh14a17)

ADJOURNMENT

02:38:47 Adjournment: 10:39 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jlh14aad.pdf](#))