

## **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 23, 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  
Amy Carlson, 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;  
HB 222, 1/3/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:06 Rep. Kasten

00:01:07 Pam Smith, Department of Natural Resources and  
Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a01\)](#)

**CONTINUED JOINT HEARING ON HB 6 AND HB 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:27 Rep. Kasten

**PRESENTATION ON MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY:**

00:01:31 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:36 Denine Schmitz, Montana State University

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:56 Rep. Hollenbaugh

00:09:07 Ms. Schmitz

00:10:18 Rep. Hollenbaugh

**PRESENTATION ON BYNUM TETON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT:**

00:11:05 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:26 Bob Church, Bynum Water District

00:14:34 Billy Walker, Bynum resident

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a03\)](#)

00:16:36 Vernon Andersen, Bynum Water and Sewer District

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:00 Rep. Kasten

00:19:46 Mr. Walker

00:19:35 Rep. Kasten

00:19:57 Mr. Walker

00:20:18 Rep. Kasten

00:20:23 Mr. Walker

**PRESENTATION ON PETROLIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT:**

00:21:09 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:05 Sue McKenna, Petrolia Irrigation District

00:25:46 Paul McKenna, Petrolia Irrigation District water-user

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:00 Rep. Kasten

00:27:15 Ms. McKenna

**PRESENTATION ON YELLOWSTONE CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

00:28:01 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:12 Harold Zeiler, Yellowstone County Board of Supervisors

00:33:27 Gay Easton, Yellowstone Conservation District

00:36:04 John Olson, Montana Bureau of Mines

00:37:08 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation  
Districts

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:53 Rep. Kasten

00:38:39 Mr. Olson

**PRESENTATION ON STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

00:40:05 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:41:16 Rep. Kasten

00:41:23 Bob Van Oosten, Stillwater Conservation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a04\)](#)

00:43:42 John Carrel, Stillwater Conservation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a05\)](#)

00:45:48 Mr. Olson

00:47:34 Ms. Carlson

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**PRESENTATION ON CARBON CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

00:49:06 Bob Fischer, DNRC

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:49:53 Alan Nelson, Carbon County Conservation District  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a06\)](#)

00:53:51 John Prinkki, Carbon County Commission

00:54:28 Ms. Carlson

00:54:52 Rep. Scott Boggio, HD 59, Red Lodge

00:55:24 John Wright, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**PRESENTATION ON MEAGHER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

00:56:52 Mr. Fischer

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a07\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

00:59:00 Ms. Miller

**FURTHER PROPONENTS OF STILLWATER COUNTY**

00:59:26 Sen. Robert Story, SD 30, Park City

**PRESENTATION ON DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT:**

01:00:35 Ms. Smith

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:01:49 Scott Payne, Kirk Engineering

01:05:02 Renee Meyers, Upper Clark Fork

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:07:45 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
01:08:12 Mr. Payne  
01:10:25 Rep. Kasten  
01:10:44 Ms. Smith  
01:11:16 Rep. Kasten  
01:11:28 Mr. Payne  
01:12:11 Rep. Kasten  
01:12:16 Mr. Payne

**PRESENTATION ON CITY OF RONAN:**

01:13:27 Mr. Fischer

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:14:50 Shari Halloran, Thomas, Dean and Hoskins  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a08\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:17:15 Sen. Barkus  
01:17:43 Ms. Halloran  
01:19:29 Sen. Barkus  
01:19:57 Ms. Halloran  
01:21:15 Sen. Barkus  
01:21:24 Ms. Halloran  
01:21:42 Rep. Kasten  
01:21:44 Ms. Halloran  
01:21:54 Rep. Kasten  
01:21:57 Ms. Halloran  
01:22:46 Ms. Miller  
  
01:23:48 Break  
01:59:22 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 222**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:59:39 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on  
HB 222, Fund economic analysis of irrigated  
agriculture.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh15a09\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:05:07 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development  
02:05:56 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association  
02:06:59 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union  
02:07:34 Ms. Carlson  
02:08:10 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
02:09:27 Megan Brower, Montana Farm Bureau  
02:09:57 Gary Amestoy, West Grain Irrigation District  
02:15:40 Matt Jergeson, MMI Engineering  
02:17:38 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)  
02:18:45 Vern Stokes, Pondera County  
02:19:48 Sen. Jerry Black, SD 14, Shelby

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

02:23:03 Ray Beck, DNRC  
02:23:33 Sen. Brueggeman

**Further Proponents:**

02:23:49 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser, SD 19, Sidney

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:25:48 Sen. Barkus  
02:26:57 Mr. Beck  
02:27:48 Sen. Barkus  
02:27:52 Rep. Jones  
02:30:07 Rep. Kasten  
02:31:08 Rep. Jones  
02:31:59 Mr. Beck  
02:33:20 Rep. Kasten  
02:34:15 Mr. Beck  
02:34:55 Rep. Hollenbaugh  
02:35:41 Mr. Beck

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:36:43 Rep. Jones  
02:39:04 Rep. Kasten

**PRESENTATION ON RENEWABLE RESOURCES GRANTS AND LOAN (RRGL)  
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS/ RRGL IRRIGATION GRANTS**

02:39:30 Mr. Beck

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:40:52 Pat Riley, DNRC

02:46:12 Rep. Kasten

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jlh15a10\)\*\*](#)

02:46:39 Jon Reiter, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

02:47:32 Rep. Kasten

02:48:10 Mr. Jergeson

02:50:09 Mr. Amestoy

02:52:21 Rep. Kasten

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Discussion:**

02:53:11 Ms. Duncan

02:55:40 Rep. Kasten

02:56:12 Mr. Beck

02:56:57 Rep. Kasten

02:58:19 Mr. Beck

02:59:03 Mr. Fischer

03:00:21 Rep. Kasten

03:00:24 Mr. Fischer

03:00:35 Ms. Duncan

03:01:35 Rep. Kasten

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:02:09 Rep. Kasten

**Additional Exhibits:**

Document pertaining to HB 6 and HB 8 project heard on January 19, 2007 but received after completion of minutes.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jlh15a11\)\*\*](#)

Document pertaining to HB 6 and HB 8 project heard between January 15-18, 2007 but received after completion of minutes.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jlh15a12\)\*\*](#)

Document pertaining to all projects in HB 6 and HB 8.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jlh15a13\)\*\*](#)

Document pertaining to all projects in HB 6 and HB 8.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jlh15a14\)\*\*](#)

Document distributed for committee business.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(jlh15a15\)\*\*](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:02:11 Adjournment: 11:02 A.M.

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REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([jlh15aad.pdf](#))**