

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Elsie Arntzen, on February 13, 2007
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Elsie Arntzen, Chairman (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson (D)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sonja Lee, Legislative Branch
Donci Bardash, 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 295, 2/8/2007; HB 489, 2/8/2007;
HB 582, 2/8/2007; HB 596, 2/8/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 596

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:05 Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on
HB 596, Increase taxpayer assessment repayment term.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:08 Bruce Bender, Chief Administrative Officer, Missoula
EXHIBIT (loh32a01)

00:04:23 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:10 Rep. Ingraham
00:06:59 Mr. Bender
00:09:03 Rep. Nooney
00:09:33 Mr. Bender
00:10:15 Rep. Nooney
00:10:20 Mr. Bender
00:10:30 Rep. Ebinger
00:10:54 Mr. Bender
00:11:29 Rep. Hands
00:12:12 Mr. Bender
00:12:52 Rep. Nooney
00:13:13 Rep. Sands
00:13:46 Rep. Arntzen
00:13:53 Mr. Bender
00:14:08 Rep. Arntzen
00:14:23 Mr. Bender

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:04 Rep. Sands

HEARING ON HB 582

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:07 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on
HB 582, Interim zoning for counties.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:50 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)
00:19:01 Joe Brenneman, Flathead County Board of Commissioners
00:21:49 Lynda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:16 Michael Kakuk, Montana Association of Realtors
00:26:39 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors' Association
00:28:40 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
00:31:15 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
00:32:17 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
00:33:27 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:57 Rep. O'Hara
00:35:17 Ms. Wood
00:35:43 Rep. Arntzen
00:35:51 Rep. Nooney
00:36:15 Rep. Jopek
00:36:45 Rep. Nooney
00:36:53 Ms. Wood
00:38:10 Rep. MacLaren
00:38:21 Ms. Lee
00:39:07 Rep. Ingraham
00:39:44 Ms. Wood
00:41:00 Rep. Ingraham
00:41:30 Ms. Wood
00:42:24 Rep. Sands
00:42:31 Ms. Stoll

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:19 Rep. Jopek

00:47:03 Break
00:54:01 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 489

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:17 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on
HB 489, Revise planning and zoning to accommodate solar
energy and devices.

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[EXHIBIT\(loh32a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:06 Derf Johnson, Montana Public Interest Research Group
(PIRG)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:41 Greg Chilcott, Ravalli County Commission
01:05:41 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers Local 233

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:28 Rep. Sands
01:07:50 Rep. Erickson
01:07:59 Rep. Sands
01:08:21 Rep. Erickson
01:09:14 Rep. Ingraham
01:09:32 Rep. Erickson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:38 Rep. Erickson

HEARING ON HB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:13:00 Rep. Ron Erickson (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on
HB 295, Revise use of adopted growth policy.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:00 Rep. Michele Reinhart, HD 97, Missoula

Opponents' Testimony:

01:25:42 Mr. Kakuk
01:29:41 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commission, MACO
01:31:44 Mr. Chilcott
01:34:03 Mr. Brennenman
01:35:34 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Registered Land
Surveyors
01:36:35 Mr. Stewart

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:19 Rep. O'Hara
01:39:50 Rep. Erickson
01:40:25 Rep. O'Hara
01:40:40 Rep. Erickson
01:41:06 Mr. Kakuk
01:41:48 Rep. MacLaren
01:42:12 Mr. Kakuk
01:43:57 Rep. MacLaren
01:44:07 Mr. Kakuk
01:45:14 Rep. Hands
01:45:37 Rep. Reinhart
01:47:26 Rep. Hands
01:47:54 Rep. Reinhart

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:29 Rep. Erickson

ADJOURNMENT

01:52:55 Adjournment: 5:13 P.M.

REP. ELSIE ARNTZEN, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

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