

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ALAN OLSON**, on February 23, 2007 at 4:17 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Olson, Chairman (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Harry Klock, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Diane Rice (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Cindy Peterson, 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 610, 2/23/07; HB 631, 2/23/07
Executive Action: HB 610; HB 631

HEARING ON HB 631

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 631, identify state lands with unique corner post.

[EXHIBIT\(feh41a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh41a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:34 Jim Kehr, Helena

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:25 Jay Boden, Montana Stockgrowers' Association, Montana Association of Grazing Districts

00:10:36 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:11:29 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

Informational Testimony:

00:11:56 Kevin Chappell, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:11 Rep. Gallik

00:12:32 Rep. Jopek

00:12:37 Rep. Gallik

00:13:23 Rep. Jopek

00:14:01 Rep. Gallik

00:14:32 Mr. Chappell

00:14:45 Rep. Gallik

00:15:00 Mr. Chappell

00:15:18 Rep. Olson

00:15:44 Mr. Chappell

00:15:57 Rep. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:19 Rep. Jopek

HEARING ON HB 610

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:07 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 610, revise laws relating to challenges to agency actions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:12 Steve Wade, Bull Mountain Development Corp.
00:25:01 Leo Berry, Great Northern Power Development
00:27:29 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
00:28:26 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors' Association
00:31:25 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council
00:33:00 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
00:33:23 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association, and on behalf of Ellen Engsted, Montana Wood Products Association
00:33:46 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:34:19 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
00:37:29 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:42:07 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:06 Rep. Gallik
00:49:59 Rep. Keane
00:50:33 Rep. Gallik
00:51:15 Rep. Olson
00:51:19 Rep. Keane
00:51:31 Rep. Olson
00:51:35 Mr. Berry
00:52:34 Rep. Gallik
00:53:33 Mr. Berry
00:54:24 Rep. Gallik
00:55:17 Mr. Berry
00:56:05 Rep. Gallik
00:56:38 Mr. Berry
00:56:52 Rep. Gallik
00:57:27 Mr. Berry
00:57:41 Rep. Groesbeck

00:58:11 Mr. Berry
00:59:25 Rep. Groesbeck
00:59:38 Rep. Keane
00:59:42 Rep. Groesbeck
01:00:02 Rep. Keane
01:01:10 Rep. Groesbeck
01:01:31 Rep. Keane
01:02:19 Rep. Olson
01:02:39 Ms. Page
01:03:39 Rep. Olson
01:04:39 Ms. Page
01:05:05 Rep. Olson
01:05:20 Ms. Page

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:54 Rep. Keane

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 610

01:07:49 **Motion:** Rep. Groesbeck moved that HB 610 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:08:00 Rep. Groesbeck

01:09:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Driscoll, and Rep. Windy Boy voting no, and Rep. Gallik voting no by proxy, and Rep. Himmelberger and Rep. Rice voting aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 631

01:11:03 **Motion:** Rep. Thomas moved that HB 631 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:11:17 Rep. Jones

01:13:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Boggio made a substitute motion that HB 631 **BE TABLED.** Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Groesbeck, Rep. Thomas, and Rep. Windy Boy voting no and Rep. Himmelberger and Rep. Rice voting aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:15:03 Adjournment: 5:32 P.M.

REP. ALAN OLSON, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([feh41aad.pdf](#))