

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on January 8, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, 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: SB 178, 1/5/2007; SB 131, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: Rules.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

00:00:04 Chairman Lind

00:00:38 Sen. Perry

00:00:44 Sen. Kaufmann

Discussion:

00:01:45 Sen. Lind

00:04:20 Joe Kolman, LSD

EXHIBIT(nas04a01)

00:06:02 Sen. Lind

00:08:39 Sen. Harrington to Sen. Lind

00:09:00 Sen. Lind to Mr. Kolman

00:09:19 Sen. Perry to Sen. Lind

00:09:38 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Lind

00:10:02 Sen. Lind to Sen. Gebhardt

00:11:09 Sen. Tash to Sen. Lind

00:11:33 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that COMMITTEE RULES BE
ADOPTED.

Discussion:

00:12:12 Sen. Kaufmann to Sen. Lind

00:13:05 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Lind

00:13:32 Sen. Wanzenried to Sen. Lind

00:13:53 Sen. Harrington to Sen. Lind

00:14:47 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Lind

00:15:08 Sen. Lind to Sen. Wanzenried

00:16:00 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Wanzenried

00:17:42 Sen. Lind

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON RULES

00:18:08 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that RULES BE ADOPTED without the proxy portion until further information is researched.

00:18:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

22:18:57 SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 178, Remove Milltown dam reference in Clark Fork steering committee law.

Proponents:

00:21:08 Gerald Mueller, Facilitator for Upper Clark Fork Steering Committee

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:16 Sen. Kaufmann to Sen. Lewis

00:24:24 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Lewis

00:26:16 Sen. Lind to Gerald Mueller, Facilitator for Upper Clark Fork Steering Committee

00:26:47 Sen. Perry to Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:31 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:13 **SEN. JOHN COBB (R), SD 9**, opened the hearing on **SB 131**,
Revise land banking laws.

Proponents:

00:33:16 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT (nas04a02)

00:38:27 Kathy Bramer, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:42:43 Candace West, Attorney General's Office, Department of
Justice

00:44:21 Erin McGowan-Fincham, State Auditor's Officer

00:45:15 Mark Simonich, Secretary of State

00:47:26 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trust

EXHIBIT (nas04a03)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:04 Sen. Kaufmann to Mary Sexton, DNRC

00:54:55 Sen. Tash to Mary Sexton, DNRC

00:55:58 Sen. Curtiss to Mary Sexton, DNRC

00:57:21 Sen. Gebhardt to Mary Sexton, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:06 Sen. Cobb

Discussion:

00:59:18 Sen. Lind to Joe Kolman, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas04aad.pdf](#))