

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on January 29, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 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. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 324, 1/26/2007; SB 274,
1/26/2007; HB 36, 1/26/2007
Executive Action: SB 111; SB 3

00:12:28 Chairman Lind

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111

00:12:53 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 111 BE TABLED.

Discussion:

00:13:29 Sen. Larson to Joe Kolman

00:13:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Perry voted yes by proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 3

00:14:00 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION on SB 3. Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with SEN. HARRINGTON and SEN. TROPILA voting no. Sen. Perry voted yes by proxy.

00:14:40 **Discussion:**

00:16:31 **Motion:** SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 3 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:16:42 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. KAUFMANN moved that SB 3 BE TABLED. Motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with SEN. CURTISS, SEN. GEBHARDT, and SEN. TASH voting no. SEN. PERRY voted no by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:09 SEN. VERDELL JACKSON (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 324, Revise groundwater data collection procedures.

Proponents:

00:21:58 Gerald Mueller, Clark Fork River Basin Task Force

EXHIBIT (nas19a01)

00:27:08 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:27:49 Tom Patton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

EXHIBIT (nas19a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:03 Sen. Gebhardt to Tom Patton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

00:39:57 Sen. Lind to Tom Patton, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:44 Sen. Jackson

HEARING ON SB 274

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:00 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 274**, Revise laws relating to state land sales, trades, leases, and administration.

Proponents: None.

Opponents:

00:51:09 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:52:42 Jacqueline Cordet, Missoula City Parks

01:00:57 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts

Informational Testimony:

01:02:58 Randy Wilke, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:03:59 Larry Peterman, Chief of Field Operations, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (nas19a03)

01:09:14 Tom Schultz, Administrator of Trust and Land Management, DNRC

01:10:06 Kevin Smith, Water Resources Bureau, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:47 Sen. Wanzenried to Sen. Laible

01:15:07 Sen. Kaufmann to Larry Peterman, FWP

01:17:42 Sen. Kaufmann to Sen. Laible

01:18:27 Sen. Gebhardt to Larry Peterman, FWP

01:21:06 Sen. Curtiss to Sen. Laible

01:22:48 Sen. Kaufmann to Sen. Laible

01:24:59 Sen. Lind to Sen. Laible

01:28:08 Sen. Lind to Jacqueline Cordet, Missoula City Parks

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:01 Sen. Laible

HEARING ON HB 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:58 **REP. JOHN MUSGROVE (D), HD 34**, opened the hearing on **HB 36**, Repeal sunset for loans to water users.

Proponents:

01:35:10 Ray Beck, Administrator, Resource and Conservation Division, DNRC

EXHIBIT (nas19a04)

01:36:58 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Soil Conservation

01:37:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

01:38:17 Gary Amestoy, Self

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:44 Sen. Tropila to Rep. Musgrove

01:40:11 Sen. Kaufmann to Ray Beck, DNRC

01:42:21 Sen. Gebhardt

01:42:47 Chairman Lind to Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers
Association

01:43:21 Chairman Lind to Rep. Musgrove

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:07 Rep. Musgrove

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas19aad.pdf](#))