

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on April 18, 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. 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: HB 828, 4/17/2007; HJ 49, 4/17/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:03:23 Chairman Lind

HEARING ON HB 828

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:21 **REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45**, opened the hearing on **HB 828**, Study carbon sequestration.

Proponents:

00:06:26 Mark Lambrecht, PPL Montana

00:09:08 Jerome Anderson, Encore Acquisition Co.

00:09:44 Leo Berry, Great Northern Power Project

00:11:10 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CLAC)

00:12:13 Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association

00:13:40 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
(WETA)

Opponents:

00:14:33 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

00:21:07 Rick Moore, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:46 Sen. Perry to Rick Moore, NPRC

00:23:33 Sen. Perry to Mark Lambrecht, PPL, Montana

00:27:09 Sen. Lind to Mark Lambrecht, PPL, Montana

00:28:34 Sen. Tropila to Rep. Olson

00:31:33 Sen. Lind to Rep. Olson

00:32:28 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:34:02 Sen. Gebhardt to Rep. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:26 Rep. Olson

HEARING ON HJ 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:42 REP. BILL THOMAS (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HJ 49, Study distributed energy.

Proponents:

00:41:19 Rep. Allen Olson

00:42:53 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives

EXHIBIT(nas82a01)

00:45:17 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC)

Opponents:

00:46:05 Patrick Judge, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

EXHIBIT(nas82a02)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:27 Sen. Lind to Haley Beaudry, CFAC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:42 Rep. Thomas

00:55:30 Sen. Kaufmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas82aad.pdf](#))