

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 23, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Anders Blewett (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Shirley Chovanak, 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: None

Executive Action: HB 21, HB 35, HB 40, HB 25

00:00:00 Chairman Milburn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 21

00:01:12 **Motion:** Rep Dickenson moved that **HB 21 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:02:26 Rep. Hoven

00:02:35 Rep. Dickenson

00:03:22 Rep. Hoven

00:03:36 Rep. Dickenson

00:04:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by voice vote with Reps. McGillvray, Hendrick, and Warburton voting no. Reps. Van Dyk and Hands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 35

00:05:40 **Motion:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 35 DO PASS.**

00:05:50 **Motion:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 35 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (nah16a01)

Discussion: None

00:06:47 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote 17-1, with Rep. McGillvray voting no. Reps. Van Dyk and Hands voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:07:36 Rep. Dickenson

00:10:26 Chairman Milburn

00:10:31 Rep. Mendenhall

00:11:19 Rep. Reinhart

00:11:47 Rep. Mendenhall

00:12:13 Rep. Dickenson

00:12:20 Rep. Hands arrived.

00:12:53 Rep. Hendrick

00:13:39 Rep. Bennett

00:14:47 Rep. Dickenson

00:15:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dickenson moved that **HB 35 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed by roll call vote 9-9 with Reps. Pomnichowski, Reinhart, Hands, Blewett, Cohenour, Dickenson, Belcourt, and Menahan voting aye. Rep. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

00:16:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 35 BE TABLED**. Motion carried by roll call vote 10-8, with Reps. Pomnichowski, Reinhart, Hands, Cohenour, Dickenson, Belcourt, and Menahan voting no. Rep. Van Dyk voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 40

00:18:30 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 40 DO PASS**.

00:18:40 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 40 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(nah16a02)

Discussion:

00:19:43 Rep. Vincent
00:19:48 Rep. Cohenour
00:19:55 Rep. Dickenson left.
00:21:42 Rep. Vincent
00:21:52 Rep. Cohenour
00:23:06 Chairman Milburn

00:23:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Van Dyk and Dickenson voting by proxy.

00:23:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 40 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Van Dyk and Dickenson voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 25

00:24:09 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 25 DO PASS**.

00:24:20 **Motion:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 25 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(nah16a03)

Discussion:

00:24:39 Rep. Reinhart
00:24:49 Joe Kolman, LFD
00:27:37 Rep. Reinhart

00:30:00 Rep. Cohenour
00:31:00 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:31:39 Mr. Kolman
00:32:03 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:32:49 Mr. Kolman
00:33:08 Rep. Vincent
00:33:25 Mr. Kolman
00:33:37 Rep. Vincent
00:33:40 Chairman Milburn
00:33:45 Rep. Vincent
00:34:13 John Tubbs, Administrator, Water Resources Division,
Department of Natural Resources
00:34:24 Chairman Milburn

00:36:54 **Vote:** Motion failed by roll call vote 9-9 with Reps.
Reinhart, Mendenhall, Hands, Hoven, Blewett,
McGillvray, Cohenour, Belcourt, and Menahan voting aye.
Reps. Van Dyk and Dickenson voted by proxy.

00:38:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reinhart moved that **HB 25 DO PASS.**
Motion failed by roll call vote 4-14, with Reps. Hands,
Blewett, Cohenour, and Menahan voting aye. Reps.
Van Dyk and Dickenson voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

00:39:26 Adjournment

SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nah16aad.pdf](#))