

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 26, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None.

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: HB 14, 1/15/2009

Executive Action: None

00:02:29 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON HB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:00 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on
HB 14, General obligation bonds for state government.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:28 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Working Forest Project

EXHIBIT (nah18a01)

00:10:53 Hal Harper, Chief Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

00:14:28 Eric Love, Member, Trust of Private Land

00:16:28 Kim Liles, Employee, Smurfitt Stone Containers

00:17:46 Dana Christenson, Chairman, Board of Trustees, The
Montana Nature Conservancy (MNC)

00:20:37 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation (DNRC)

00:23:53 Roger Johnson, President, Pyramid Mountain Company

00:27:08 Ellen Simpson, Montana Wood Products Association

00:27:57 Paddy Trusler, Lake County Commissioner

EXHIBIT (nah18a02)

00:30:52 Ralph Mannix, Powell County Commissioner

00:32:20 George Gooley, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:32:47 Bill Carey, Missoula County Commissioner

00:34:10 Dick King, President and CEO, Missoula County
Development Corporation

00:35:05 Henry Fassnacht, Montana Association of Land Trusts

EXHIBIT (nah18a03)

00:37:29 Craig Thomas, Private Forester, Stevensville

00:38:46 Greg Munther, Retired District Ranger

00:40:09 Denny Iverson, Rancher/Logger, Potomac Valley

00:43:04 Jim Stone, Rancher, Potomac Valley

00:44:56 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:46:11 Heather Wills, Life Stock Producer, Representative,
Berniece, Clinton, Potomac Organization

EXHIBIT (nah18a04)

00:49:39 Neil Meyer, Logger, Swan Valley

00:51:20 Melanie Parker, Resident/Guide/Outfitter, Condon

00:53:30 Glenn Gray, Natural Resource Manager, Clearwater State
Forest

00:56:10 Dave Sharbono, Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile
Association

00:57:24 Pelah Hoyt, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers

00:58:22 Tony Hoyt, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers

00:59:10 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:59:26 Alicia Vanderhelden, Potomac Resident
01:00:00 Doug Hall, Rancher/Logger/Fire Chief, Potomac
01:00:59 Steve Ellis, Resident, Condon
01:02:00 Rep. Tim Furey, HD 91
01:03:12 Gary Burnet, Blackfoot Challenge, Potomac Resident

[EXHIBIT \(nah18a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:41 Dave Skinner, Hydra Project

[EXHIBIT \(nah18a06\)](#)

01:14:17 Fred Hodgeboom, Forester, Bigfork

Informational Testimony:

01:03:46 Jerry Sartz, Plum Creek Timber

01:04:11 Tom Schultz, Administrator, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:32 Rep. Dickenson
01:05:07 Mr. Schultz
01:05:31 Rep. Dickenson
01:05:42 Mr. Schultz
01:06:45 Rep. Dickenson
01:07:09 Mr. Schultz
01:07:36 Rep. Van Dyk
01:08:15 Mr. Schultz
01:17:45 Rep. Hoven
01:18:06 Rep. Nooney
01:18:23 Rep. Reinhart
01:18:50 Mr. Hall
01:19:12 Rep. Reinhart
01:19:24 Mr. Hall
01:19:32 Rep. Reinhart
01:19:39 Mr. Hall
01:19:42 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:20:13 Mr. Schultz
01:21:07 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:21:27 Mr. Schultz
01:21:44 Rep. Mendenhall
01:22:16 Ms. Simpson
01:22:33 Rep. Mendenhall
01:22:47 Mr. Thomas
01:23:25 Rep. Mendenhall
01:23:49 Mr. Johnson
01:24:29 Rep. Mendenhall
01:24:33 Mr. Johnson
01:24:39 Rep. Mendenhall

01:24:50 Mr. Schultz
01:25:59 Rep. Mendenhall
01:26:49 Ms. Sexton
01:28:51 Rep. Mendenhall
01:28:57 Ms. Sexton
01:29:38 Rep. Hendrick
01:30:20 Ms. Sexton
01:31:22 Rep. Vincent
01:31:59 Mr. Skinner
01:32:46 Rep. Vincent
01:33:02 Mr. Schultz
01:33:11 Rep. Vincent
01:33:22 Mr. Schultz
01:33:36 Rep. Vincent
01:33:45 Mr. Schultz
01:33:54 Rep. Vincent
01:33:58 Mr. Schultz
01:34:08 Rep. Vincent
01:34:19 Mr. Heffernan
01:35:29 Rep. McGillvray
01:35:54 Mr. Hodgeboom
01:35:58 Rep. McGillvray
01:36:02 Mr. Hodgeboom
01:36:16 Rep. McGillvray
01:36:39 Mr. Hodgeboom
01:37:38 Rep. Warburton
01:38:18 Mr. Christenson
01:38:32 Rep. Warburton
01:38:42 Mr. Christenson
01:38:50 Rep. Warburton
01:39:00 Mr. Christenson
01:39:18 Rep. Vincent
01:39:43 Mr. Skinner
01:40:35 Rep. Vincent
01:40:52 Mr. Schultz
01:42:03 Rep. Mendenhall
01:43:14 Hal Harper

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:29 Rep. Nooney

01:46:30 Chairman Milburn
01:46:57 Rep. Reinhart

ADJOURNMENT

01:47:05 Adjournment

SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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