

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Vice Chairman JP Pomnichowski, on March 11, 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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

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: SB 131, 3/6/2009; SB 143, 3/6/2009;
SJ 7, 3/6/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Milburn asked Vice Chairman Pomnichowski to chair the committee.

HEARING ON SB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:24 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 131, Require DNRC to designate wildland-urban interface.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:29 Bob Harrington, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT (nah54a01)

00:09:10 Pat McKelvey, Fire Safe Montana

00:10:32 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:35 Richard VanAuken, Fire Chief, Teton County

EXHIBIT (nah54a02)

00:18:17 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT (nah54a03)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:41 Rep. Dickenson
00:23:26 Sen. Williams
00:24:27 Rep. Dickenson
00:24:41 Sen. Williams
00:24:45 Rep. Reinhart
00:25:03 Mr. Harrington
00:26:16 Rep. Reinhart
00:26:23 Mr. Harrington
00:29:37 Rep. Reinhart
00:30:01 Mr. Harrington
00:30:28 Rep. Reinhart
00:30:38 Mr. Harrington
00:30:52 Rep. Hands
00:31:17 Mr. Harrington
00:32:08 Rep. Hands
00:32:16 Mr. Harrington
00:32:18 Rep. Hands
00:32:54 Mr. Harrington

00:33:28 Rep. Hands
00:33:53 Mr. Harrington
00:36:50 Rep. Hoven
00:38:10 Mr. VanAuken
00:39:32 Rep. Hoven
00:39:59 Mr. VanAuken
00:40:41 Rep. Hoven
00:40:49 Mr. VanAuken
00:41:09 Vice Chairman Pomnichowski
00:42:09 Sen. Williams
00:42:15 Vice Chairman Pomnichowski
00:42:48 Mr. Harrington
00:45:51 Rep. Bennett
00:46:34 Mr. Harrington
00:48:08 Rep. Bennett
00:48:27 Mr. Harrington
00:49:06 Vice Chairman Pomnichowski
00:49:24 Mr. Harrington

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:01 Sen. Williams
00:52:05 Vice Chairman Pomnichowski

HEARING ON SJ 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:37 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on
SJ 7, Opposition to HR 2421.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:46 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:59:14 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
01:00:34 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
01:01:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana
Cattlemen Association, and Montana Public Lands
Council

EXHIBIT (nah54a04)

01:04:50 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agriculture
Irrigators (AGAI)
01:05:47 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Conservation
Districts
01:06:42 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

EXHIBIT (nah54a05)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:35 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:10:14 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

EXHIBIT (nah54a06)

01:12:13 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT (nah54a07)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:19 Rep. Dickenson

01:15:44 Mr. Denowh

01:16:13 Rep. Van Dyk

01:16:51 Sen. Brenden

01:20:15 Rep. Van Dyk

01:20:43 Sen. Brenden

01:20:59 Rep. Van Dyk

01:21:11 Sen. Brenden

01:21:14 Vice Chairman Pomnichowski

01:21:29 Rep. Bennett

01:22:00 Mr. Augenes

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:19 Sen. Brenden

01:25:57 Vice Chairman Pomnichowski

01:25:59 Rep. Van Dyk

01:26:21 Vice Chairman Pomnichowski

01:26:38 Break

01:38:46 Resume

HEARING ON SB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:38:57 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on
SB 143, Revise condominium fire protection assessments.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:16 Ted Meade, Chief, Fire and Aviation Management, DNRC

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:06 Rep. Hoven

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:43 Sen. Laible

ADJOURNMENT

01:48:05 Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

Shirley Chovanak, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nah54aad.pdf](#))