

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Milburn, on April 1, 2009 at 3:10 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. 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. Betsy Hands (D)
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: SB 426, 3/25/2009; SB 451,
3/25/2009

Executive Action: SB 426; SB 451

00:00:00 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON SB 426

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 426, National bison range water compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:51 Chris Tweeten, Chairman, Reserve Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)

00:04:52 James Steele, Jr., Chairman, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes

00:05:27 Lisa Evers, Economic Development Specialist, Governor's Office

00:06:03 Jay Weiner, Staff Attorney, RWRCC

EXHIBIT(nah72a01)

00:08:57 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

00:09:36 Susan Cottingham, Staff Director, RWRCC

EXHIBIT(nah72a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:23 Rep. Reinhart

00:10:39 Mr. Steele

00:10:45 Rep. Reinhart

00:10:51 Rep. Steele

00:11:27 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:11:43 Mr. Weiner

00:12:43 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:12:53 Mr. Weiner

00:13:28 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:13:50 Mr. Weiner

00:14:08 Rep. Belcourt

00:14:45 Mr. Weiner

00:15:08 Rep. Miller

00:15:41 Mr. Tweeten

00:15:56 Mr. Weiner

00:16:27 Rep. Miller

00:16:29 Mr. Weiner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:42 Sen. Laslovich

00:16:59 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON SB 451

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:23 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 451, Repeal the Megalandfill Siting Laws.

[EXHIBIT\(nah72a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah72a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:55 Frank Patrick Crowley, Geologic and Environmental Consultant

[EXHIBIT\(nah72a05\)](#)

00:26:05 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, City of Billings

[EXHIBIT\(nah72a06\)](#)

00:28:50 Max Bauer, General Manager, Allied Waste Services

00:31:10 Roger Bridgeford, General Manager, Montana Waste Systems; Manager, High Plains Sanitary Landfill, Cascade County

00:32:01 Phil Ideson, Allied Waste Services, Gallatin County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:32:49 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:09 Rep. Dickenson

00:33:43 Mr. Thompson

00:34:10 Rep. Dickenson

00:34:25 Mr. Thompson

00:34:51 Rep. Dickenson

00:35:25 Mr. Thompson

00:35:44 Rep. Mendenhall

00:35:59 Mr. Thompson

00:36:20 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:36:57 Mr. Thompson

00:39:01 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:39:25 Mr. Ideson

00:39:35 Rep. Belcourt left.
00:39:49 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:39:55 Mr. Ideson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:12 Sen. Wanzenried
00:40:20 Chairman Milburn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 426

00:41:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 426 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, with Reps. Van Dyk, Hands, and Belcourt voting by proxy. Rep. Fleming will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 451

00:42:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep Pomnichowski moved that **SB 451 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Van Dyk, Hands, and Belcourt voting by proxy. Rep. Van Dyk will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

00:43:18 Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.

Shirley Chovanak, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nah72aad.pdf](#))