

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Kelly Gebhardt, on January 30, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, 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 180, 1/19/2009; SB 201,
1/19/2009; SB 206, 1/19/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 201

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:05 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 201, Revise Crow Tribe water compact to allow change in use of escrow account.

EXHIBIT (nas22a01)

00:01:49 Sen. Curtiss came to the committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:42 Chris Tweeten, Chairman, Reserve Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)

00:06:50 Sen. Keane came to the committee.

00:12:13 Cedric Black Eagle, Crow Tribe

00:13:40 Sen. Wanzienried came to the committee.

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:30 Sen. Barrett

00:15:54 Mr. Tweeten, RWRCC

00:16:03 Sen. Barrett

00:16:24 Mr. Tweeten, RWRCC

00:17:05 Sen. Barrett

00:17:16 Mr. Tweeten, RWRCC

00:17:40 Sen. Barrett

00:17:47 Mr. Tweeten, RWRCC

00:17:59 Mr. Black Eagle, Crow Tribe

00:19:06 Chairman Gebhardt

00:19:22 Mr. Tweeten, RWRCC

00:21:39 Chairman Gebhardt

00:21:45 Mr. Tweeten, RWRCC

00:22:31 Chairman Gebhardt

00:22:47 Mr. Black Eagle, Crow Tribe

00:24:10 Chairman Gebhardt

00:24:20 Mr. Black Eagle, Crow Tribe

00:25:07 Sen. Barrett

00:25:30 Mr. Tweeten, RWRCC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:09 Sen. Laslovich

HEARING ON SB 180

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:58 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 180, Establish emission standards.

[EXHIBIT\(nas22a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:10 Eric Stern, Governor's Senior Council

00:35:25 Paul Cartwright, Governors' Office

[EXHIBIT\(nas22a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas22a04\)](#)

00:40:15 Jonathan Matthews, Executive Committee, Montana Sierra Club

[EXHIBIT\(nas22a05\)](#)

00:43:00 Chuck Magraw, Natural Resources and Defense Council (NRDC)

00:45:59 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:48:29 Mason Giem, University of Montana student

00:49:16 Jay Mennenga, Self

00:50:41 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

00:51:08 Elena Lauder, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:51:53 Laura Dooley, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (AAM)

00:58:56 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealership Association (MADA)

01:03:59 Mona Jamison, General Motors (GM)

[EXHIBIT\(nas22a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas22a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas22a08\)](#)

01:09:21 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

01:11:00 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

01:12:08 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:21 Sen. Wanzenried
 01:13:48 Sen. Erickson
 01:15:02 Sen. Wanzenried
 01:15:12 Sen. Erickson
 01:16:39 Sen. Perry
 01:16:56 Sen. Erickson
 01:17:24 Sen. Perry
 01:17:37 Sen. Perry
 01:17:56 Sen. Erickson
 01:18:08 Sen. Perry
 01:18:16 Sen. Erickson
 01:18:24 Sen. Perry
 01:18:37 Sen. Erickson
 01:18:47 Sen. Perry
 01:20:43 Sen. Erickson
 01:21:06 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:21:33 Mr. Magraw, NRDC
 01:22:56 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:23:08 Mr. Magraw, NRDC
 01:23:59 Sen. Barrett
 01:24:42 Sen. Erickson

EXHIBIT (nas22a09)

01:25:19 Sen. Barrett
 01:25:23 Sen. Erickson
 01:25:36 Mr. Cartwright, Governors' Office
 01:26:04 Sen. Barrett
 01:26:07 Mr. Cartwright, Governors' Office
 01:27:05 Sen. Barrett
 01:27:32 Mr. Cartwright, Governors' Office
 01:28:06 Sen. Keane
 01:28:41 Mr. Cartwright, Governors' Office
 01:28:53 Sen. Keane
 01:29:09 Mr. Cartwright, Governors' Office
 01:29:50 Chairman Gebhardt
 01:30:44 Mr. Cartwright, Governors' Office
 01:30:56 Sen. Keane
 01:31:08 Mr. Cartwright, Governors' Office

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:29 Sen. Erickson

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:34:23 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 206, Eliminate term restrictions on EQC members.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:35:54 Sen. Kaufmann
01:36:04 Sen. Barrett
01:36:12 Chairman Gebhardt
01:36:17 Sen. Kaufmann
01:36:39 Sen. Barrett
01:36:43 Sen. Kaufmann
01:36:55 Sen. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:11 Sen. Barrett

Additional Business:

01:37:48 Sen. Perry
01:38:27 Chairman Gebhardt
01:39:12 Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
EXHIBIT (nas22a10) In reference to SB 131 and SB 111 at request of
Sen. Curtiss.

01:39:31 Chairman Gebhardt
01:40:04 Sen. Kaufmann

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (nas22a11) SB 200 Heard 01/28/09

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:54 P.M.

Lindsey Hern, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nas22aad.pdf](#))