

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Rick Ripley, on January 5, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)  
Rep. Pat Connell (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Matthew Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Sterling Small (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Duane Ankney, Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

**Staff Present:** Rinay Bender, Committee Secretary  
Barbara Smith, 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:**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:00:29 Todd Everts

[EXHIBIT\(jnh03a01\)](#)

00:04:13 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh03a02\)](#)

00:16:49 Richard Opper, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:42 Sen. Ripley

00:48:03 Sen. Brenden

00:49:43 Todd Everts

00:50:33 Sen. Brenden

00:52:13 Sen Wittich

00:57:27 Rep. Rosendale

01:01:06 Rep. Cuffe

01:02:54 Rep. Connell

01:03:33 Sen. Wittich

01:04:43 Barb Smith, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jnh03a03\)](#)

01:08:46 Sen. Wittich

01:12:29 Richard Opper, DEQ

01:14:06 Sen. Ripley

01:29:58 Barb Smith, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jnh03a04\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:45:18 Mary Sexton, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jnh03a05\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:09:04 Rep. Rosendale

02:10:04 Mary Sexton, DNRC

02:11:04 Sen. Brenden

02:11:15 Mary Sexton, DNRC

02:11:34 Sen. Brenden

02:16:44 Rep. Connell

02:17:00 Barb Smith, LFD

02:19:44 Rep. Connell

02:19:55 Barb Smith, LFD

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02:20:20	Rep. Connell
02:20:50	Mary Sexton, DNRC
02:21:28	Rep. Connell
02:22:00	Mary Sexton, DNRC
02:23:38	Sen. Wittich
02:24:10	Barb Smith, LFD
02:26:34	Sen Wittich
02:27:05	Barb Smith, LFD
02:29:33	Sen. Ripley
02:30:00	Mary Sexton

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:

02:32:44      Sen. Ripley adjourned meeting.

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Rinay Bender, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jnh03aad.pdf](#))**