

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on January 31, 2011 at 9:08 A.M., in Room 317B
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP

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 11, 1/28/2011; HB 351, 1/28/2011; HB 6, 1/28/2011

00:00:41 Chairman McNutt

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:36 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure State Endowment Program and transfers of money to the general fund.

00:13:18 Chairman McNutt

Proponents:

00:13:27 Dore Schwinden, Director, Department of Commerce (COM)

00:15:06 Chairman McNutt

Budget Analysis

00:15:22 Ms. Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:18:08 Chairman McNutt

Proponents:

00:18:40 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of the Governor

00:22:09 Sen. Williams arrived.

00:22:26 Chairman McNutt

Opponents:

00:22:40 Rep. Mike Cuffe, HD 2, Eureka

EXHIBIT(jlh24a01)

00:23:24 Bob Gilbert, representing Glendive and Roundup, Dawson, Musselshell, and Rosebud Counties

00:24:21 Verner Bertelson, former legislator, served during legislation creating TSEP

00:24:59 Rep. Cook left.

00:27:26 Maureen Davey, Commissioner, Stillwater County, and farmer and rancher

EXHIBIT(jlh24a02)

00:28:24 James Suta, Superintendent, City of Cut Bank

00:29:24 Steve Wade, on behalf Montana Contractors Association and North Central Montana Regional Water Authority and Dry Prairie Rural Water.

00:30:28 Rep. Cook returned.

00:30:38 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners and Montana Association of County Road Supervisors

00:31:38 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:31:53 Rep. McChesney arrived.

00:32:59 Jay Skoog, Executive Director, American Council of Engineering Companies of Montana

00:34:20 Sheri Johnson, Engineer, representing Polson, Pablo and Ronan

00:36:53 Chairman McNutt

00:36:57 Gary Amestoy, representing Richland County and Richland County Economic Development Corporation

00:37:37 Thomas Hyndman, Mayor, Twin Bridges

00:38:27 Michele Turville, Infrastructure Specialist, Bear Paw Development Corporation

EXHIBIT(jlh24a03)

00:40:10 Tom Lythgoe, Commissioner, Jefferson County
00:41:20 Michael J. Gillis, Lewis and Clark County Tea Party
00:41:35 Scott Anderson, Engineer, Anderson, Montgomery
00:42:36 David Smith, Council Person, Twin Bridges
00:43:29 Melissa Lewis, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson
00:44:01 Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT(jlh24a04)**Questions from Committee:**

00:44:50 Sen. Sonju left.
00:44:56 Sen. Brown
00:45:04 Mr. Swindin
00:45:05 Sen. Brown
00:45:54 Mr. Swindin
00:46:42 Sen. Brown
00:47:29 Mr. Swindin
00:47:43 Sen. Brown
00:48:36 Mr. Swindin
00:49:29 Sen. Brown
00:49:45 Mr. Swindin
00:49:55 Sen. Brown
00:50:26 Mr. Swindin
00:50:41 Sen. Brown
00:51:55 Mr. Swindin
00:52:24 Sen. Brown
00:52:26 Chairman McNutt
00:52:30 Rep. Cook
00:52:51 Mr. Swindin
00:53:18 Rep. Cook
00:53:35 Mr. Swindin
00:53:54 Chairman McNutt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:05 Rep. Sessa closed HB 11

00:55:19 Sen. Sonju returned.
00:58:00 Chairman McNutt
00:58:09 Chairman McNutt

00:58:21 Break
01:13:59 Resume

Sen. Williams left during break.

01:14:05 Chairman McNutt

HEARING ON HB 6

01:14:11 Rep. McChesney reopened HB 6

01:14:16 Chairman McNutt

HEARING ON HB 351

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:32 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 351, Treasure State Endowment appropriations and transfers to the general fund.

01:16:07 Chairman McNutt

Fiscal Analysis:

01:16:10 Ms. Duncan

[**EXHIBIT\(jlh24a05\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(jlh24a06\)**](#)

01:19:42 Chairman McNutt

Overall Projects Description-Infrastructure Projects

01:20:22 Alice Stanley, Chief of Resource Development Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:24:45 Chairman McNutt

01:24:48 Ms. Duncan

01:25:55 Chairman McNutt

01:25:58 Kelly Casillas, Administrator, Community Development, DNRC

01:26:15 Sen. Williams returned.

01:26:26 Pam Smith, Renewable Resource Grant Program, DNRC

[**EXHIBIT\(jlh24a07\)**](#)

Town of Sheridan, Wastewater System Improvements

01:27:02 Dean Derryberry, Mayor, Sheridan

City of Deer Lodge, Wastewater System Improvements

01:29:34 Ms. Smith

01:29:44 Dave Austin, City Council Member, Deer Lodge
Chairman McNutt

Town of Culbertson, Wastewater System Improvements

01:34:19 Ms. Smith

01:34:32 Rep. Austin Knudsen, HD 36, Culbertson

01:36:41 Scott Aspenleider, WWC Engineering, representing Culbertson

Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer Districts, Water and Wastewater System Improvements

01:38:02 Ms. Smith
01:38:10 John Stephenson-Love, volunteer Board President of Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District

Hebgen Lake Estates County Water and Sewer District, Wastewater Systems Improvements

01:41:19 Ms. Smith
01:41:27 Myron Moore, Board of Directors, Hebgen Lake Estates County Water and Sewer District

City of Harlem, Wastewater System Improvements

01:43:06 Michele Turville, Infrastructure Specialist, Bear Paw Development Corporation
[**EXHIBIT\(jlh24a08\)**](#)

City of Polson, Water System Improvements

01:45:48 Ms. Smith
01:45:55 Scott Anderson, Anderson, Montgomery, on behalf of Polson
01:46:42 Sheri Johnson, Engineer for Polson

Amsterdam-Churchill County Sewer District No. 307, Wastewater System Improvements

01:47:43 Ms. Smith
01:47:52 Henry Dyksterhouse, Chairman of Board, Churchill Sewer District, Amsterdam

Town of Belt, Water System improvements

01:48:55 Ms. Smith
01:49:12 Jean Fontana, Clerk/Treasurer of Belt
[**EXHIBIT\(jlh24a09\)**](#)
01:54:03 Chairman McNutt
01:54:09 Ms. Smith
[**EXHIBIT\(jlh24a10\)**](#)

Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District, Water System Improvements

01:54:24 Ms. Smith
01:54:34 Bill Decker, General Manager, Sun Prairie Village Sewer and Water District
01:56:14 Rep. Robert Mehlhoff, HD 26, Great Falls

Gallatin Gateway County Water and Sewer District, Wastewater System Improvements

01:58:24 Ms. Smith
01:58:29 Matt Donnelly, General Manager, Gallatin Gateway County Water and Sewer District
[**EXHIBIT\(jlh24a11\)**](#)
02:01:00 Ms. Smith
02:01:10 Chairman McNutt

North Havre County Water District, Water System Improvements

02:01:18 Ms. Smith

02:01:28 Karl Verploegen, President of North Havre County Water District

EXHIBIT(jlh24a12)

02:04:29 Michelle Turville, Bear Paw Development Corporation

Crow Tribe of Indians, Water System Improvements, Phase 4A

02:05:11 Ms. Smith

02:05:24 John Little, member, Absaalooke Water Authority

EXHIBIT(jlh24a13)

EXHIBIT(jlh24a14)

02:06:45 Larry Kindness, Crow Tribe, Absaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority, and Construction Project Manager, Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency

Hill County Water District, Water System Improvements

02:08:36 Scott Decker, Hill County Water District, representing Ingomar, Joplin, Rudyard, Higham, Gilford and Kremlin

EXHIBIT(jlh24a15)

LaCasa Grande Water and Sewer District, Wastewater System Improvements

02:12:52 Ms. Smith

02:12:57 Scott Anderson, Anderson, Montgomery, on behalf of LaCasa Grande Water and Sewer District

Lockwood Water and Sewer District, Wastewater System Improvements

02:13:52 Gary Forrester, Lockwood Water and Sewer District

Pablo Lake County Water and Sewer System, Water System Improvements

02:15:21 Ms. Smith

02:15:26 Sheri Johnson, representing Pablo Water and Sewer District

EXHIBIT(jlh24a16)

02:16:55 Patrick Sorrell, Operator and Manager, Pablo Water and Sewer District

02:17:24 Sen. Williams left.

City of Cut Bank Water System Improvements, Phase 4

02:18:14 Ms. Smith

02:18:22 James Suta, Superintendent, City of Cut Bank

City of Ronan, Stormwater System Improvements

02:20:31 Ms. Smith

02:20:45 Sheri Johnson, Engineer for Ronan

Melrose Water and Sewer District

02:22:36 Brady Sorden, Melrose Sewer District

EXHIBIT(jlh24a17)

02:25:24 Kelly Elser, Operator, town of Melrose

02:26:03 Rep. Cook left.

Augusta Water and Sewer District, Wastewater System Improvements

02:26:25 Ms. Smith
02:26:34 Joel Pilcher, Great West Engineering, representing Augusta Water and Sewer District
02:27:58 Sen. Williams returned.
02:28:06 Ms. Smith
02:28:39 Chairman McNutt
02:28:45 Ms. Duncan
02:29:50 Chairman McNutt

Public Comments on H B 6

02:30:07 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resource Development, DNRC
02:30:28 Chairman McNutt
02:30:53 Rep. Sesso

EXHIBIT(jlh24a18)

02:31:44 Chairman McNutt

ADJOURNMENT

02:32:02 Adjournment:

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(jlh24a19\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh24a20\)](#)

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh24aad.pdf](#))