

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on February 4, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Pat Connell (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Lauren Head, 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: HB 383, 2/1/2011

Executive Action: HJ 6

**HEARING ON HB 383****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:01 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 383, Revise composition of board of oil and gas conservation.

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a02\)](#)

00:04:02 Rep. Connell joined the meeting.

00:07:21 Rep. Warburton joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:31 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:13:57 Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)

00:18:37 Dave Galt, Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:22:12 John Metropoulos, Fidelity Exploration and Production

00:23:24 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources

00:24:46 William Duffield, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Counties (MAOGC)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:25:39 Tom Richmond, Administrator, Petroleum Engineer, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a03\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:01 Rep. Barrett

00:31:50 Rep. Phillips

00:34:16 Rep. Barrett

00:34:52 Rep. Phillips

00:37:39 Rep. Hale

00:37:56 Mr. Galt

00:38:46 Rep. Loney

00:39:19 Mr. Galt

00:40:09 Rep. Hoven

00:40:31 Mr. Galt

00:41:22 Rep. Hoven

00:41:35 Mr. Richmond

00:42:16 Rep. Harris

00:43:09 Mr. Richmond

00:44:24 Chairman Hendrick

00:44:56 Rep. Phillips

00:45:56 Rep. Williams

00:46:46 Mr. Richmond

00:48:05 Rep. Williams

00:48:11 Mr. Richmond  
00:50:02 Rep. Williams  
00:50:28 Rep. Connell  
00:51:17 Rep. Phillips  
00:51:28 Mr. Richmond  
00:52:09 Rep. Hale  
00:52:29 Mr. Richmond  
00:53:01 Rep. Hale  
00:53:18 Mr. Richmond  
00:53:45 Rep. Hale  
00:53:56 Mr. Richmond

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:02 Rep. Phillips  
01:00:48 Chairman Hendrick

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6**

01:01:09 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HJ 6 DO PASS.**

01:01:20 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HJ 6 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(nah28a04)**

**Discussion:**

01:01:40 Rep. Hands  
01:02:42 Rep. Connell  
01:05:19 Rep. Harris  
01:06:09 Rep. Barrett  
01:07:06 Rep. Connell  
01:08:23 Rep. Hands  
01:11:00 Rep. Flynn

01:11:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Miller voted by proxy.

01:12:20 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:12:36 Rep. Hale  
01:12:49 Rep. Hands  
01:12:59 Chairman Hendrick  
01:13:00 Rep. Miller joined the meeting  
01:13:16 Rep. Court  
01:13:27 Rep. Flynn  
01:13:42 Rep. Connell

01:14:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:14:45 Chairman Hendrick

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:15:50      Adjournment

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Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah28aad.pdf](#))**