

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on February 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (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 468, 2/11/2011; HB 479, 2/11/2011; HB 481, 2/11/2011

HEARING ON HB 468

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19 Rep. Krayton Kerns (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 468, Generally revise laws regarding use of aircraft by any state agency.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:14 Gary Blaine, Aviation Launch, Billings Flying Service

00:06:07 Mark Carmen, Attorney, Aviation Watch, Inc.

00:14:30 Michael Mumzick, Minuteman Aviation, Inc.

EXHIBIT(nah38a01)

00:16:51 Doug Chapman, self

EXHIBIT(nah38a02)

00:19:19 Debra Armstrong, Tamarack Air Services

00:20:59 Rep. Reinhart left the meeting.

00:27:02 Rep. Hands left the meeting.

00:31:29 Richard Grady, self

EXHIBIT(nah38a03)

00:34:33 James Tyler Lee, Rocky Mountain Rotors Maintenance

00:36:02 Mark Taylor, Rocky Mountain Rotors Maintenance

00:38:27 Mr. Blaine

00:38:55 Tom Duffy, Central Helicopters

00:39:36 Charles Rogers, Central Air Service

00:39:48 Rep. Reinhart rejoined the meeting.

00:39:57 Jerry Kerish, self

00:40:10 Dane Zucan, self

00:40:16 Mark Mumzick, Minuteman Aviation

00:40:25 Mr. Blaine

00:40:43 Jacqueline Lenmark, Aviation Watch, Inc.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:19 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

EXHIBIT(nah38a04)

00:45:08 Rep. Hands rejoined the meeting.

00:46:55 Chairman Hendrick joined the meeting.

00:48:29 Bud Siderits, Fire Chief, Jefferson City

EXHIBIT(nah38a05)

00:52:15 Richard Van Auken, Fire Chief, Teton County

00:53:38 Bob Drake, Fire Chief, Tri-Lakes

00:54:43 Rep. Hale left the meeting.

00:54:49 Gary Shepard, Fire Chief, West Valley Fire Department

00:55:24 Vern Burdick, Sheriff, Coroner, and Fire Warden, Chouteau County

00:57:06 Wally Jester, Fire Chief, Lewis and Clark County

00:58:04 Mark Baker, Attorney, Anderson, Baker, and Swanson Law Firm

00:59:19 Floyd Fisher, Sheriff, Coroner, Fire Chief, EMT, DES, Safety Officer, Type 3 CAT Team

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01:00:32 Rick Silitz, Montana County Fire Wardens Association
01:02:39 Bill Caldwell, District Fire Chief, Missoula Rural Fire District
01:03:00 Rep. Hale rejoined the meeting.
01:04:51 Richard Cowger, Fire Chief, Columbus
01:06:51 Mary Sexton, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah38a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah38a07\)](#)

01:13:29 Lennard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance
01:14:10 Rep. Hale rejoined the meeting.
01:14:21 Doug Martens, Rugby County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(nah38a08\)](#)

01:15:13 Doug Dodge, Fire Chief, Clancy

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:38 Rep. Miller
01:16:01 Ms. Sexton
01:16:10 Rep. Miller
01:16:13 Ms. Sexton
01:16:42 Rep. Miller
01:16:57 Ms. Sexton
01:17:15 Bob Harrington, Administrator, Forestry Division, DNRC
01:17:26 Rep. Miller
01:17:32 Mr. Harrington
01:18:11 Rep. Miller
01:18:26 Rep. Bennett
01:19:01 Mr. Harrington
01:19:51 Rep. Bennett
01:20:11 Mr. Harrington
01:20:38 Rep. Hands
01:21:10 Ms. Sexton
01:21:23 Rep. Bennett left the meeting
01:21:31 Rep. Miller left the meeting.
01:21:46 Rep. Hands
01:22:46 Rep. Kerns
01:22:51 Rep. Barrett rejoined the meeting.
01:22:58 Rep. Hands
01:23:43 Rep. Kerns
01:24:14 Rep. Hands
01:24:21 Rep. Kerns
01:24:47 Rep. Connell
01:25:09 Chuck Brenton, Chief Pilot, DNRC

[EXHIBIT\(nah38a09\)](#)

01:26:04 Mr. Brenton
01:27:37 Rep. Connell
01:27:45 Mr. Brenton

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01:28:04 Rep. Reinhart
01:28:32 Rep. Kerns
01:28:57 Rep. Reinhart
01:29:40 Rep. Kerns
01:29:52 Rep. Reinhart
01:30:31 Rep. Kerns
01:30:42 Rep. Reinhart
01:30:51 Rep. Miller rejoined the meeting.
01:31:05 Ms. Sexton
01:31:18 Rep. Loney
01:31:40 Ms. Sexton
01:32:09 Rep. Loney
01:32:22 Ms. Sexton
01:32:33 Rep. Loney
01:32:44 Ms. Sexton
01:33:12 Vice Chair Hoven
01:33:35 Ms. Sexton
01:33:56 Vice Chair Hoven
01:34:06 Mr. Harrington
01:34:43 Rep. Bennett rejoined the meeting.
01:35:55 Vice Chair Hoven
01:36:04 Mr. Harrington
01:36:36 Rep. Connell
01:37:13 Mr. Harrington
01:37:19 Rep. Connell
01:38:01 Mr. Harrington
01:43:20 Chairman Hendrick rejoined the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:34 Rep. Kerns
01:44:15 Recess began.
02:22:48 Meeting reconvened.
02:23:44 Rep. Reinhart
02:23:45 Chairman Hendrick

HEARING ON HB 479

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:24:30 Rep. Sterling Small (R), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 479, Provide for microbial conversion for enhanced gas recovery.
02:25:02 Rep. Hands rejoined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:25:47 Rich Southwick, Great Northern Properties (GNP)

EXHIBIT(nah38a10)

02:26:00 Rep. Flynn rejoined the meeting.

02:30:12 Steve Wade, Coal Mountain Mining

02:31:00 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties (MAOGC)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:32:08 Edward Hayes, Attorney, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

02:36:09 Rachel Green, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Testimony:

02:36:56 Tom Richmond, Administrator and Petroleum Engineer, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:39:24 Rep. Miller

02:39:56 Mr. Richmond

02:40:30 Rep. Miller

02:40:35 Rep. Small

02:40:47 Rep. Miller

02:40:53 Rep. Small

02:41:02 Rep. Reinhart

02:41:23 Mr. Southwick

02:41:28 Rep. Reinhart

02:41:48 Mr. Southwick

02:42:29 Rep. Reinhart

02:42:50 Mr. Southwick

02:43:21 Rep. Reinhart

02:43:40 Mr. Hayes

02:44:03 Rep. Reinhart

02:44:13 Mr. Hayes

02:44:35 Rep. Harris

02:45:03 Mr. Richmond

02:46:19 Rep. Harris

02:46:40 Mr. Richmond

02:47:18 Rep. Hands

02:47:59 Mr. Hayes

02:48:19 Rep. Hands

02:48:25 Mr. Hayes

02:48:45 Rep. Barrett

02:49:27 Mr. Richmond

02:49:52 Rep. Barrett

02:50:57 Mr. Richmond

02:52:39 Rep. Williams

02:53:13 Mr. Richmond
02:54:10 Rep. Harris
02:54:17 Mr. Richmond
02:54:41 Vice Chair Hoven
02:54:57 Mr. Southwick

Closing by Sponsor:

02:55:38 Rep. Small
02:55:47 Vice Chair Hoven left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 481

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:56:10 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 481, Revise state land laws for regional water systems.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:56:59 Steve Wade, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCRMWA),
Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)
02:58:51 Clint Jacobs, Dry Prairie Rural Water Systems
[EXHIBIT\(nah38a11\)](#)
03:00:48 Vice Chair Hoven rejoined the meeting.
03:03:24 Gary Amestoy, Dry Redwater Regional Water Authority

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:05:17 Rep. Miller
03:05:45 Mr. Wade
03:08:02 Rep. Miller
03:08:09 Mr. Wade
03:09:05 Rep. Harris
03:09:35 Mr. Wade
03:10:31 Rep. Harris
03:11:02 Mr. Wade
[EXHIBIT\(nah38a12\)](#)
03:12:23 Rep. Barrett
03:12:55 Mr. Wade
03:14:05 Rep. Barrett
03:14:26 Rep. Connell
03:14:36 Mr. Wade

Closing by Sponsor:

03:14:53	Rep. Belcourt
03:16:39	Chairman Hendrick
03:17:13	Rep. Barrett
03:17:28	Chairman Hendrick

ADJOURNMENT

03:17:51 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah38aad.pdf](#))