

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on January 16, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Colleen Dever, 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 24, 1/15/2013; HB 37, 1/15/2013

00:10:49 Chair Bennett

HEARING ON HB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:38 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 37, Allow temporary leasing of water rights.

[EXHIBIT\(nah08a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:20 Tim Davis, Administrator, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:20:24 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SrWRC); Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI), Montana Farmers' Union (MFU); Montana Stock Growers' Association (MSGA)

00:22:24 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:24:11 Mike Murphy, Water Rights Association (WRA)

00:24:52 Tom Hopgood, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

00:29:24 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

00:30:51 Holly Franz, Pennsylvania Power & Light-Montana (PPL Montana)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:44 Charyn Ayoub, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah08a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:12 Rep. Miller

00:37:17 Mr. Davis, DNRC

00:37:20 Rep. Miller

00:37:32 Mr. Davis, DNRC

00:37:50 Rep. Miller

00:38:16 Mr. Davis, DNRC

00:38:57 Rep. Miller

00:39:06 Rep. Hoven

00:39:08 Mr. McChesney

00:39:10 Rep. Hoven

00:39:32 Rep. McChesney

00:39:56 Rep. Hoven

00:40:30 Rep. McChesney

00:40:41 Ms. Evans, SrWRC

00:41:46 Rep. Lieser

00:42:24 Ms. Franz, PPL Montana

00:43:19 Rep Galt

00:43:25 Mr. Davis, DNRC

00:43:33 Rep. Galt

00:43:57 Mr. Davis, DNRC

00:44:31 Rep. White

00:45:14 Mr. Davis, DNRC

00:45:28 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:46:10 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:46:46 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:47:14 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:47:47 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:48:22 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:49:00 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:49:52 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:50:53 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:51:18 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:52:03 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:52:14 Mr. Davis, DNRC

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00:52:20 Rep. Pomnichowski
 00:52:51 Mr. Hopgood, MMA
 00:53:53 Rep. Williams
 00:54:24 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:54:36 Rep. Williams
 00:54:58 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:56:29 Rep Williams
 00:57:17 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:57:29 Rep Williams
 00:57:39 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:58:01 Rep. Williams
 00:58:16 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 00:58:29 Rep. Williams
 00:58:41 Mr. Galt, MPA
 00:58:45 Rep. Williams
 00:58:50 Mr. Galt, MPA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:20 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:07 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 24, Create state parks and recreation board.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:05 Sen. Keane, SD 38
 01:14:19 Bob Walker, Our Montana (OM)
 01:19:10 Chere Jiusto Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

EXHIBIT(nah08a04)

EXHIBIT(nah08a05)

01:22:52 Chris Puyear, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)
 01:23:57 Bruce Reiersen, President, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)
 01:27:30 Ronna Alexander, Montana Snowmobile Association (MSA)
 01:28:42 Russ Ehnes, President, Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association (GFTBRA)
 01:31:07 Melinda Barnes, Executive Director, Bike-Walk Montana

01:33:12 Amy Teegarden, President-Elect, Montana Recreation & Park Association
(MRPA)
01:35:40 Doug Abelin, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:36:41 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:41:50 Mike Mehn, Self
01:43:43 Rod Bullis, Self
01:46:07 Mike Ottman, Self

Informational Testimony:

01:50:45 Chas Van Genderen, Administrator, Parks Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife
& Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(nah08a06)

01:52:39 Sam Milodragovich, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

EXHIBIT(nah08a07)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:57:05 Rep. Warburton
01:57:16 Mr. Golie, MWF
01:57:21 Rep. Warburton
01:57:33 Mr. Golie, MWF
01:57:38 Rep. Warburton
01:57:44 Mr. Golie, MWF
01:57:55 Rep. Warburton
01:58:06 Mr. Golie, MWF
01:58:44 Rep. Warburton
01:58:53 Mr. Golie, MWF
01:59:21 Rep. White
01:59:26 Rep. Ankney
01:59:30 Rep. White
02:00:04 Mr. Golie, MWF
02:00:51 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:01:22 Rep. Lynch
02:01:42 Rep. Ankney
02:03:25 Chair Bennett
02:03:29 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:03:36 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:03:42 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:03:59 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:04:58 Rep Pomnichowski
02:05:02 Rep. Ankney
02:05:07 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:05:23 Rep. Ankney
02:06:16 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:06:21 Rep Ankney
02:06:26 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:06:33 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:06:37 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:07:49 Rep. Pomnichowski

02:08:30 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:09:30 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:09:53 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:10:41 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:11:00 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:11:40 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:12:02 Mr. Van Genderen
02:12:18 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:12:33 Rep. Hoven
02:14:16 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:14:27 Rep. Warburton
02:14:42 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:14:54 Rep. Warburton
02:15:29 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
02:16:02 Mr. Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:17:34 Rep. Eck
02:18:05 Mr. Kolman, LSD
02:18:30 Rep. Eck
02:18:34 Mr. Kolman, LSD
02:18:42 Rep. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:25 Rep. Ankney, HD 43

02:25:32 Chair Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:25:45

Colleen Dever, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah08aad.pdf](#))