

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Hopkins, on January 16, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Woehl, Committee Clerk

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 8, 1/11/2019; HB 11, 1/11/2019

08:32:12 Chair Hopkins
08:32:39 Sen. Sesso entered the meeting

HEARING ON HB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:34:26 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable Resource Bonds & Loans.

Program Overview / Introduction:

08:38:11 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:41:34 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a03\)](#)

08:49:28 Chair Hopkins
08:49:44 Vice Chair Cuffe
08:50:10 Anna Miller, DNRC
08:50:49 Vice Chair Cuffe
08:51:08 Anna Miller, DNRC
08:51:54 Vice Chair Cuffe
08:51:58 Anna Miller, DNRC
08:52:02 Vice Chair Cuffe
08:52:10 Chair Hopkins

Proponents:

08:52:27 Scott Aspenlieder, Huntley Project Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a04\)](#)

08:55:55 Chair Hopkins
08:56:05 Vice Chair Cuffe
08:56:24 Scott Aspenlieder, Huntley Project Irrigation District
08:57:59 Chair Hopkins
08:58:15 Sen. Sesso
08:58:54 Anna Miller DNRC
08:59:14 Sen. Sesso
08:59:54 Anna Miller, DNRC
09:00:06 Sen. Sesso
09:00:25 Gordon Maus, Canyon Creek Irrigation District
09:01:52 Jane Alford, Canyon Creek Irrigation District
09:04:10 Gordon Maus, Canyon Creek Irrigation District
09:05:06 Jane Alford, Canyon Creek Irrigation District
09:05:39 Chair Hopkins
09:05:43 George Metzger, Canyon Creek Irrigation District
09:08:18 Chair Hopkins

09:08:36 Steve Wade, North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCRMWA)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a05\)](#)

09:10:29 Chair Hopkins
09:10:35 Vice Chair Cuffe
09:10:52 Steve Wade, NCRMWA
09:11:25 Vice Chair Cuffe
09:11:31 Steve Wade, NCRMWA
09:11:34 Vice Chair Cuffe
09:11:49 Sen. Sesso
09:12:22 Steve Wade, NCRMWA
09:13:10 Chair Hopkins
09:13:22 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority
09:14:46 Chair Hopkins
09:14:51 Krista Lee Evans, Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority
09:15:11 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
09:16:20 Chair Hopkins
09:16:24 Scott Aspenleider, Canyon Creek Irrigation District

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a06\)](#)

09:19:36 Chair Hopkins
09:19:41 Vice Chair Cuffe
09:19:44 Chair Hopkins
09:20:13 Anna Miller, DNRC
09:22:56 Chair Hopkins
09:23:11 Gary Forrester, Self
09:24:23 Chair Hopkins
09:24:34 Jerry Meissner, DryRedwater Regional Water Authority (DRWA)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a07\)](#)

09:25:28 Chair Hopkins
09:25:30 Jerry Meissner, DRWA
09:31:12 Chair Hopkins
09:31:30 Monty Sealey, Central Montana Regional Water Authority (CMRWA)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh08a08\)](#)

09:42:02 Chair Hopkins
09:42:12 Sen. Ankney
09:44:03 Chair Hopkins
09:44:28 Anna Miller, DNRC
09:45:57 Chair Hopkins

Opponents:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:46:29 Vice Chair Cuffe
09:47:05 Chair Hopkins

Additional Document:

09:48:06 Recessed
10:03:44 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:37:42 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure State
Regional Water Program.

08:38:04 Chair Hopkins

Program Overview / Introduction:

10:04:11 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:10:13 Sen. Sesso Re-entered the meeting
10:11:02 Chair Hopkins
10:11:19 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:11:31 Chair Hopkins
10:11:35 Cathy Duncan
10:11:46 Chair Hopkins
10:11:58 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:13:35 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:13:50 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:14:03 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:14:21 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:17:20 Chair Hopkins

Proponents:

10:17:40 Monty Sealey, CMRWA
10:21:42 Chair Hopkins
10:21:46 Rep. Peppers
10:21:54 Monty Sealey, CMRWA
10:22:36 Chair Hopkins
10:22:43 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:23:36 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:26:51 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:26:59 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:27:13 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:27:18 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:27:27 Chair Hopkins
10:28:05 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:28:47 Chair Hopkins
10:29:01 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:29:39 Chair Hopkins
10:29:55 Anna Miller, DNRC

EXHIBIT(jlh08a09)

10:35:26 Chair Hopkins
10:35:42 Jerry Meissner, DRWA
10:38:43 Greg Mohr, Dry RedWater Regional Water Authority(DRWA)
10:39:04 Chair Hopkins
10:39:10 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:42:06 Chair Hopkins
10:42:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:43:29 Chair Hopkins
10:43:43 Sen. Sesso
10:43:56 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:44:25 Sen. Sesso
10:45:40 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:46:55 Sen. Sesso
10:49:30 Chair Hopkins
10:49:35 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:50:02 Anna Miller, DNRC
10:50:20 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:50:26 Anna Miller, DNRC

10:51:10 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:52:15 Chair Hopkins
10:52:19 Sen. Sesso
10:53:22 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:54:25 Chair Hopkins
10:54:52 Gerry Murphy, Office of Budget and Program Planning
10:55:02 Chair Hopkins

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

10:55:41 Rep. Keane

10:56:10 Chair Hopkins
10:57:03 Sen. Sesso
10:57:08 Chair Hopkins
10:57:11 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:57:26 Chair Hopkins
10:57:28 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:57:31 Sen. Sesso
10:57:35 Vice Chair Cuffe
10:57:39 Sen. Sesso
10:58:06 Rep. Peppers
10:58:16 Chair Hopkins
10:58:20 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:59:16 Chair Hopkins

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00:31

Jennifer Woehl, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh08aad.pdf](#))