

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE**  
**PLANNING**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Mike Hopkins-R, on January 17, 2023 at 8:04 AM, in 317B

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

**Staff Present:** Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Sara Fleming, Secretary

**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 01/16/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 11 - Montana coal endowment program**

**Opening Statement:**

08:05:08 Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 11, Montana coal endowment program.

**Questions from Committee:**

08:08:04 Katy Callon

08:15:40 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:15:48 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator, Department of Commerce (DOC)

08:30:19 Tom Rice, County Commissioner, Beaverhead County

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa1\)](#)

08:35:31 Can Carlan ?????, Engineer, Lewis and Clark County

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa2\)](#)

08:37:58 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

08:39:06 Kathy Thompson, Stahly Engineering

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa3\)](#)

08:40:07 George Relbrled ?????, Commissioner, Big Horn County

08:41:24 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

08:41:39 Matt Whitman, Public Works Director, Park County

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa4\)](#)

08:43:28 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

08:44:03 Zach Brown, Commissioner, Gallatin County

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa5\)](#)

08:46:42 Senator Sales, Gallatin County HD???????

08:47:49 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

08:48:37 Barrel Folkvord, Commissioner, Broadwater County

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa6\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa7\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa8\)](#)

08:53:08 Sig Pugrud, Commissioner, Petroleum County

08:55:22 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

08:55:33 Darin Miske, Commissioner, Wibaux County

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa9\)](#)

08:59:00 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

08:59:33 Ron Nye, Commissioner, Madison County

09:02:21 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

09:04:43 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:05:33 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:05:44 Tyrel Hamilton, Commissioner, Stillwater County

[EXHIBIT\(230117JLHa10\)](#)

09:08:01 Renee Lemon, Division Administrator (DOC)

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 13:00:40

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117JLHaad\)](#)