

**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 23, 2023 at 8:00 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. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mike Cuffe (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 01/19/2023

HB 8 01/19/2023

Executive Action:

09:47:04

**Committee Discussion:**

09:47:22 Rep. Mike Hopkins

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

**Opening Statement:**

08:45:54 Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 11, Montana coal endowment program.

**Closing Statement:**

08:46:03 Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R), HD 77, closed the hearing on HB 11.

**HEARING ON HB 8 - Renewable resource bonds and loans**

**Opening Statement:**

08:02:18 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable resource bonds and loans.

**Discussion:**

08:03:23 Rep. Matt Regier left the meeting.

**Questions from Committee:**

08:06:10

08:46:47 Anna Miller, DNRC

08:50:21 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:50:35 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:50:50 Anna Miller, DNRC

08:54:24 Troy Benn, East Fork of Rock Creek

08:58:35 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:59:19 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:01:43 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

09:02:25 Scott Aspenlieder, Performance Engineering, Lockwood Irrigation District

09:06:41 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:07:03 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:07:26 Jennifer Patrick, Project, Milk River Irrigation Project

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09:11:52 Sen. Mike Lang

09:12:10 Jennifer Patrick, Milk River Irrigation Project

09:15:32 Rep. Paul Tuss

09:16:15 Jennifer Patrick, Milk River Irrigation Project

09:19:08 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.

09:19:19 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:19:44 Jennifer Patrick, Milk River Irrigation Project

09:20:59 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:21:36 Sen. Mike Lang

09:22:53 Jennifer Patrick, Milk River Irrigation Project

09:23:22 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:23:36 Mike Murphey, Montana Water Resources Association

09:24:28 Rep. Mike Hopkins joined the meeting.

09:25:15 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:25:28 Lindsey Bulpe, Renewable Resource Program, DNRC

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09:26:33 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:26:39 Katy Callon

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09:27:26 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:35:35 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:41:12 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:42:55 Rep. Paul Tuss

09:43:41 Anna Miller, DNRC

09:45:01 Rep. Mike Hopkins

**Closing Statement:**

09:45:26 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 8.

**Discussion:**

09:47:04

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:48:20

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230123JLHaad\)](#)