

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Walter McNutt, on March 9, 2007 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Debby Barrett (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch  
Nancy Kraft, Committee 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: SB 84, 3/7/2007; HB 753, 2/27/2007  
Executive Action: SB 19; SB 84

**HEARING ON SB 84**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:29 Sen. Jim Elliott (D), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 84, Transfer forest reserve fund administration to DOA.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:25 Erin McGowan Fincham, State Auditor's Office

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:16 Sen. Elliott

**HEARING ON HB 753**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:37 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 753, Montana global warming solutions act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:19:43 Chuck Tooley, Billings, Montana

00:22:59 Chuck McGraw, National Resources Defense Council and Renewable Northwest Project

00:36:26 Kathy Hadley, National Center for Appropriate Technology

00:43:54 Dave Ryan, WindPark Solutions America

**EXHIBIT (nah50a01)**

00:50:01 Richard Barrett, Economist, University of Montana

00:56:21 Reverend Brady Vardemann, Montana Association of Churches

00:58:20 Tom France, National Wildlife Federation

**EXHIBIT (nah50a02)**

01:03:57 Rep. Mike Phillips HD 66

01:08:03 Sara Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

01:08:16 Jay Mennenga

01:08:54 Claudia Sanders Brown, Missoula

01:09:25 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

01:09:33 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

**EXHIBIT (nah50a03)**

01:09:50 Peter Angst  
01:09:53 Bill Piper, Montana Public Interest Group  
01:10:02 Kristine Werner  
01:10:10 Linda Clark  
01:10:18 Juanita Vero  
01:10:26 Denise Peterson  
01:10:34 Mike Fiebig  
01:10:45 Suzanne Luepke, Polson, Montana  
01:11:01 Aubrey Durfee, Missoula, Montana  
01:11:11 Nancy Erickson, Missoula, Montana  
01:11:21 Derek Kanscher, Missoula, Montana  
01:11:39 Brianna Randall, Montana Water Trust  
01:11:52 Margot Higgins, Missoula  
01:12:03 Anna Swanson, National Environmental Trust  
01:12:15 Derek Goldman, Missoula  
01:12:24 Mary Alice Chester, Helena  
01:12:38 Angela Mueller, Virginia City  
01:12:47 Gary Brown, Missoula  
01:13:04 Debbie Deagen also for Rick Lawrence, Bozeman  
01:13:28 Mike Lommler, Missoula  
01:13:40 Cara Jones, Missoula  
01:13:50 Jessica Babcock, Missoula  
01:14:00 Helena LaRue, Missoula  
01:14:12 Ellen Burns, Missoula  
01:14:25 Tiffany Salee, Missoula  
01:14:37 Melissa Hayes, Missoula  
01:14:46 Gary Burnett, Potomac  
01:15:00 Brandon Barr, Missoula  
01:15:15 Callie Rider  
01:15:30 Thomas Smith, Charlo  
01:15:40 Barbara Ross, Missoula  
**EXHIBIT (nah50a04)**  
01:15:51 Rick Moore, Northern Plains Resource Council  
01:16:15 Helen Louisa Dupuis, Missoula

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:16:58 Mark Lambrecht, Pacific Power and Light Montana  
**EXHIBIT (nah50a05)**  
01:20:52 Haley Beaudry, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company  
01:28:36 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council  
01:35:02 Todd O'Hair, Rio Tinto Energy America  
01:40:02 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association  
01:43:36 Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association  
01:45:31 Harris Himes, Montana Values Alliance; Montana Family Coalition  
01:50:40 Candace Payne, Southern Montana Electric and Cooperative Association  
01:52:20 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association  
01:55:16 Joe Michaletz, Consulting Geologist

**Informational Testimony:**

02:02:05 Brad Molnar

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:07:53 Rep. Erickson  
02:13:06 Mr. O'Hair  
02:13:45 Rep. Vincent  
02:16:35 Mr. O'Hair  
02:17:35 Rep. Lambert  
02:19:52 Mr. Beaudry  
02:21:19 Rep. Dickenson  
02:22:04 Mr. McGraw  
02:25:24 Rep. Dickenson  
02:25:45 Lou Moore, Department of Environmental Quality  
02:29:10 Rep. Cohenour  
02:33:41 Rep. Hands  
02:34:27 Rep. Erickson  
02:36:36 Rep. Ankney  
02:39:04 Rep. Mendenhall  
02:39:31 Mr. Beaudry  
02:41:10 Rep. Mendenhall  
02:47:08 Rep Hands  
02:48:05 Rep. Heinert  
02:49:25 Mr. Lambrecht

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:51:28 Rep. Hands

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19**

02:57:09 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that SB 19 **BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

02:57:36 Rep. Van Dyk

02:59:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Reps. Small-Eastman, Pomnachowski, and Barrett voted by proxy. Rep. McNutt will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84**

03:02:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Erickson moved that SB 84 **BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Rep. Barrett voting no. Reps. Small-Eastman,

Pomnachowski, and Barrett voted by proxy. Rep.  
Erickson will carry the bill.

**Additional Exhibits:**

Document pertaining to HB 753; Hearing 03/09/07

[EXHIBIT \(nah50a06\)](#)

Document pertaining to HB 753: Hearing 03/09/07

[EXHIBIT \(nah50a07\)](#)

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:02:45 Adjournment: 6:30 P.M.

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REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([nah50aad.pdf](#))**