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REP. RALPH HEINERT, VICE CHAIR Chair	✓	
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REP. DEBBY BARRETT	✓	
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REP. BETSY HANDS	✓	
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Bill Nos. HB 104, 107, 144 Sponsor(s) Rep. Furey, Gallik, Becker

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Name	Representing	Bill No.	Support	Oppose	Info.
		HB 144		X	
Clayton Fiscus	FISCUS Ranch	HB 104		X	
Mike Murphy	MT. WATER RES. ASSN.	HB 104		X	
Arvid Hiller	Mtn Water Co	107	X		
Terry Lindsay	MRWDA	104		X	
Dave Brown	Self	104		X	
LINDA LINDSAY	Realtor	104		X	
Abigail St. Lawrence	Realtors	104		X	
Glenn Oppel	MT Assn. Realtors	104		X	
Tom RAUNDAL	MMUA	.			
Robert Jaeb	Self	104		X	
Rick Thompson	DEQ	144	X		
RYAN LINDSAY	MONTANA WATER WELL DRILLERS ASS	104		X	
Britt Lindsay	self	104		X	
Steve Wade	MT Rural Water	107		X	
Ron Alles	L&C Co	104	X		
Tim Burton	City of Helena	104	X		
Jacqueline Lenmark	MT Water Well Drillers	104		X	
Jon Bennion	MT Chamber	104		X	
Tracey Cole		104		X	

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Name	Representing	Bill No.	Support	Oppose	Info.
Janet Ellis	MT Audubon	HB104	X		
Tim Davis	MT Smart Growth Coalition	HB104	X		
Stan Bradshaw	Trout Unlimited	HB104	X		
John Blamgmist	Mt. Stockgrowers	HB104		X	
Pat Torgerson	WIFE	HB104		X	
John Youngberg	MFBF	HB104		X	
Dustin Stewart	MBIA	HB104		X	

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Clayton Fiscus **BILL/BUDGET** HB 104

ADDRESS 1111 Main St Bozeman **DATE** 1/12/07

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Clayton Fiscus / Real Estate. Ranching

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** X **AMEND**

COMMENTS: We have more water in this State than any other State in the Lower 48 –

We only Have 6 People Per sq Mill.

Domestic use well do NOT in any way IMPACT Our water supply

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Janet Ellis **BILL/BUDGET** HB 104

ADDRESS PO Box 595, Helena MT 59624 **DATE** January 17, 2007

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MT Audubon

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

This bill will help protect streams, rivers, and individuals with a senior water right from subdivision developments that are using the 35 gallon per minute exemption instead of getting a water right. The quarter acre limit for lawns and gardens is an affordable way to monitor compliance with the requirements of this bill on domestic water users.

Although this bill does not solve the problems of subdivisions using the 35 gallon per minute exemption to impact streams and senior water rights holders, it's a step in the right direction.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME TIM DAVIS **BILL/BUDGET** HB104

ADDRESS HELENA **DATE** 1/17/07

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MONTANA SMART GROWTH COALITION

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

CHAIRMAN & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS BILL, HB104, EVENTHOUGH THIS BILL DOES NOT SOLVE THE CURRENT PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS THAT MONTANA LAWS & RULES ARE GIVING AWAY SENIOR WATER RIGHTS WITHOUT ANY REVIEW BY USING THE 35 GALLON PER MINUTE EXEMPTION. CURRENTLY, THE LAW WOULD ALLOW A 1,000 LOT SUBDIVISION TO POTENTIALLY STEAL 10,000 ACRE FEET PER YEAR FROM NEIGHBORING SENIOR WATER RIGHTS HOLDERS. THIS IS NOT A FARFETCHED POSSIBILITY WHEN BROADWATER COUNTY IS FACING A 2,600 LOT SUBDIVISION AT A HEARING ON 1/18/07

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Michael Nicklin **BILL/BUDGET** HB104

ADDRESS 620 Ferguson Ave #1 **DATE** 1/17/07

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Doney Law Firm (Developmnt/Stockgrowers

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

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