

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KIM GILLAN**, on January 11, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Kim Gillan, Chairman (D)  
Sen. John Esp (R)  
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Leanne Heisel, Legislative Branch  
Marigail Schreiner, 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 51, SB 167, 1/4/2007  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:09

**HEARING ON SB 51**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:35 **SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33**, opened the hearing on **SB 51**,  
Revise land use laws concerning fire and wildland fire.

00:03:53 Sen. Laible arrived at Committee Meeting and was  
excused to present a bill in another Committee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:23 None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:34 Tammy McGill, Montana Association of Planners

00:05:20 Fred Hodgeboom, Bigfork, Montana, President, Montanans  
for Multiple Use

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:11 None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:32 None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:40 Sen. Hawks

**HEARING ON SB 167**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:52 **SEN. BOB HAWKS (D), SD 33**, opened the hearing on **SB**  
**167**, County designation of wildland-urban interface.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:51 Mary Sexton, Director of DNRC

00:21:00 Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner

00:22:14 Scott Waldren, Montana Fire Chief's Association  
00:23:13 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors  
00:24:34 Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition  
00:25:56 Everett Stiger, Retired Forest Service and Retired  
Private Company, Montana Prescribed Fire Service  
00:28:07 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

**EXHIBIT(1os07a01)**

00:29:25 Bob Harrington, Forestry Administrator for DNRC

**EXHIBIT(1os07a02)**

00:37:17 Bob Drake, Tri Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, Helena,  
Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:39:22 Richard Van Auken, Fire Chief, Teton County,  
County Fire Co-op Protection Program  
00:45:49 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

**EXHIBIT(1os07a03)**

00:51:29 Sen. Elliott, SD 7, on behalf of the Sanders's County  
Commissioners

**EXHIBIT(1os07a04)**

00:53:04 Alan Wright, Townsend, Montana  
00:56:36 Myra Shultz, Joint Powers Insurance Authorities

**EXHIBIT(1os07a05)**

00:56:37 Sen . Elliott returned to the Committee Meeting.  
01:00:48 Tammy McGill, Land Use Planner, Montana Association of  
Planners  
01:04:34 Fred Hodgeboom, Montanan's for Multiple Use

**Informational Testimony:**

01:07:16 Dave Cook, Program Manager, Bureau and Measurement Standards, Department of Labor

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:14 Sen. Esp to Chairman Gillan

01:09:06 Sen Esp to Mary Sexton. DNRC

01:11:57 Sen. Murphy to Mary Sexton, DNRC

01:13:30 Sen. O'Neil to Mary Sexton, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:14:12 Sen. Hawks closed on SB 51

01:15:01 Sen. Hawks closed on SB 167

01:16:26 Chairman Gillan informed the Committee that a Sub-Committee would be convened to work on SB 51 and SB 167. Chairman Gillan appointed Sen. Hawks, Sen. Gebhardt and Sen. Moss to the Subcommittee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:18 P.M.

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SEN. KIM GILLAN, Chairman

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MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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