

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on March 9, 2007 at 5 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Kim Gillan (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Agnes Palmer, 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: None.
Executive Action: Interim Committee Appointments.

00:00:00

00:16:09 Chairman Elliott announced the purpose of the meeting was to make appointments to the Legislative Consumer Committee and the Environmental Quality Committee, starting with the Consumer Committee, and would entertain nominations.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON INTERIM COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

00:29:34 Sen. David Wanzenried moved the nomination of Sen. Joe Tropila to the Legislative Consumer Committee.

00:52:01 Chairman Elliott advised there also needs to be a Republican nominee who is not officially appointed.

00:59:04 Sen. Jesse Laslovich moved the nomination of Sen. Terry Murphy. Sen. Trudi Schmidt moved that nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sen. Gillan voting aye by proxy.

00:01:35 Sen. Elliott announced the nominations are adopted unanimously and the record will show that Sen. Joe Tropila and Terry Murphy have been appointed to the Legislative Consumer Committee.

01:50:07 Sen. Elliott advised he would entertain nominations for the Environmental Quality Committee--there are three Republicans to pick and three Democrats.

02:00:04 Sen. Schmidt nominated the three Republicans: Senator McGee, Senator Shockley, and Senator Story. These are holdover appointments, but have to be reappointed.

02:34:04 Sen. Schmidt nominated the three Democrats to the Environmental Quality Committee: Sen. David Wanzenried, Sen. Bob Hawks, and Sen. Christine Kaufmann. Sen. Laslovich moved that nominations be closed. Motion carried unanimously with Sen. Gillan voting aye by proxy.

Discussion:

03:30:05 Sen. Hawks asked whether the appointments that remain to be made will be made at the end of the Session.

03:43:02 Sen. Elliott advised that is correct. The rest of the appointments need to be made before sine die and choices will be handed out a little before April 2 and

then the committee will reconvene between the 2nd and the 10th and make those nominations.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

AGNES PALMER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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