

MINUTES

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

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 404

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on April 19, 2007 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Claudia Johnson, 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 404, 4/18/2007
Executive Action: SB 404

00:05:15 Chairman Sen. Lind

HEARING ON SB 404

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:00 **SEN. GREG LIND (D), SD 50**, opened the hearing on **SB 404**, Revise liability for wildland fires.

00:06:29 David Niss, LSD

[EXHIBIT \(ccs83sb0404a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ccs83sb0404a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ccs83sb0404a03\)](#)

00:09:30 Sen. Shockley to Rep. Pomnichowski

00:11:07 Sen. Lind to Bob Harrington, Forestry Administrator,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:14:00 Sen. Shockley to Rep. Rice

00:14:50 Rep. Rice to Rep. Pomnichowski

00:15:33 David Niss, LSD

00:17:25 Rep. Rice

00:17:49 Sen. Shockley

00:18:59 Sen. Lind to John Simple, Montana Firelands

00:19:50 Sen. Lind to David Niss, LSD

00:22:44 Sen. Shockley to Bob Harrington, DNRC

00:25:38 Rep. Ripley to David Niss, LSD

00:28:16 Sen. Lind to Rep. Pomnichowski

00:29:26 Sen. Shockley to Sen. Lind

00:30:33 Sen. Jent

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 404

00:30:59 **Motion:** Rep. Pomnichowski moved that AMENDMENT SB040406.ADN BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

00:31:51 Sen. Jent

00:32:38 Sen. Lind

00:33:22 Sen. Jent

00:35:40 Rep. Ripley to Sen. Jent

00:37:03 Rep. Rice to Sen. Jent

00:38:49 Sen. Shockley

00:39:55 Rep. Ripley to Bob Harrington, DNRC

00:42:10 Sen. Shockley

00:42:16 **Vote:** Motion that AMENDMENT SB040406.ADN BE ADOPTED carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:42:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jent moved that SB 404 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:20 A.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

Claudia Johnson, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([ccs83sb0404aad.pdf](#))