

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on January 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Harrington, Sen. Mitch Tropila

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 24, 1/12/2007; SB 248, 1/15/2007
Executive Action: SB 200

00:00:39 Chairman Lind

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 200

00:03:21 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 200 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Harrington and Sen. M. Tropila voted by proxy. Sen. Curtiss and Sen. Kaufmann were excused at the time of the vote.

Discussion:

00:03:38 Sen. Tash

00:05:17 Sen. Lind

HEARING ON SB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:15 SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 24, Prohibit sale of some two-stroke marine engines and personal watercraft.

EXHIBIT (nas13a01)

Proponents:

00:17:52 Mike Koopal, Executive Director, Whitefish Lake Institute

00:25:42 Bill Woody, Self

Opponents:

00:26:56 Terry McArdle, Townsend Marine

EXHIBIT (nas13a02)

00:29:23 Bob Gilbert, Walleye Unlimited Association

EXHIBIT (nas13a03)

00:31:55 Tom Rispens, Owner of Boat Sales, Helena

00:35:12 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:37:03 Jim Brown, Rancher, Member of Walleye Unlimited,
Livingston

00:38:57 Tony Croonenberghas, Anchor Marine

EXHIBIT (nas13a04)

00:42:29 Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

00:40:07 Craig Osterman, Treasure State Alliance

00:43:23 Chris Manthos, American Watercraft Association

00:47:26 Dean Lingelbach, One Way Marine

Informational Testimony:

00:49:05 Bryan Spangler, Self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:29 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Weinberg

00:51:57 Sen. Kaufmann to Mike Koopal, White Fish Lake Institute

00:53:35 Sen. Lind to Chris Manthos, American Watercraft
Association

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:21 Sen. Weinberg

Discussion:

01:00:11 Chairman Lind

HEARING ON SB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:03 **SEN. BOB STORY (R), SD 30**, opened the hearing on **SB
248**, Ratify USFS water compact.

EXHIBIT (nas13a05)

Proponents:

- 01:13:34 Chris Tweeten, Chief Civil Counsel, Attorney General's Office, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)
- 01:22:12 Hal Harper, Governor's Office
- 01:24:18 Lorents Grosfield, Negotiating Team Chairman, RWRCC
- 01:28:06 Sen. Bill Tash, SD 36, Dillon
- 01:30:04 Kathy McAllister, Deputy Regional Forester, Northern Region of the US Forest Service National Forest Service

EXHIBIT (nas13a06)

- 01:33:26 Rep. Art Noonan, HD 73, Butte
- 01:41:09 Fay Bergan, Legal Counsel, RWRCC
- 02:03:44 Susan Coddington, Staff Director of RWRCC
- 02:07:39 Candace West, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice (DOJ)
- 02:11:35 Mike Murphy, Montana Resource Association, Montana Farmers Association
- 02:13:48 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association
- 02:15:50 John Tubbs, Administrator of Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
- 02:16:59 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (nas13a07)

Opponents:

- 02:18:38 Bruce Farling, Montana Trout Unlimited

EXHIBIT (nas13a08)

EXHIBIT (nas13a09)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:15 Sen. Tash to Bruce Farling, Montana Trout Unlimited

02:29:31 Sen. Gebhardt to Faye Bergan, RWRCC

02:32:31 Sen. Wanzenried to Chris Tweeten, RWRCC

02:38:20 Sen. Lind to Faye Bergan, RWRCC

02:40:34 Sen. Lind to Chris Tweeten, RWRCC

02:41:31 Sen. Lind to Kathy McAllister, US National Forest
Service

02:42:21 Sen. Lind to Sen. Story

Closing by Sponsor:

02:43:25 Sen. Story

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas13aad.pdf](#))