

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN MIKE MILBURN, on January 9, 2009 at 3 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Gerald Bennett (R)
Rep. Anders Blewett (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Mike Menahan (D)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Betsy Hands (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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: HB 25, 1/5/2009, HB 78 1/5/2009
Executive Action: None

00:00:01 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON HB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:22:00 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 25, Department of Transportation water rights for wetland projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:30 Lyle Manley, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

00:09:10 Chairman Milburn

00:09:37 Bob Lane, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (nah05a01)

00:11:26 Chairman Milburn

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:37 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

00:13:54 Christa Lee Evans, Representative, Association of Gallatin Area Irrigators (AGAI)

00:15:11 Briana Randall, Clark Fork Coalition (CFC)

00:16:47 Mike Murphy, Representative, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

Informational Testimony:

00:18:27 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Division (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:24 Rep. Vincent

00:20:56 Mr. Manley (MDT)

00:21:49 Rep. Vincent

00:22:05 Mr. Manley

00:22:32 Rep. Vincent

00:23:22 Ms. Evans (AGAI)

00:23:45 Rep. Vincent

00:23:53 Ms. Evans

00:24:21 Rep. Reinhart

00:25:13 Mr. Manley

00:26:19 Rep. Reinhart

00:26:40 Mr. Manley

00:27:31 Rep. Van Dyk

00:28:30 Mr. Youngberg (MFB)
00:29:37 Rep. Van Dyk
00:30:00 Mr. Manley
00:31:27 Rep. Van Dyk
00:31:33 Ms. Evans
00:31:38 Rep. Van Dyk
00:31:55 Ms. Evans

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:41 Rep. Bill Mcchesney

HEARING ON HB 78

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

38:25:00 Rep. Gordon Hendrick (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on
HB 78, Revise timber salvage harvest laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:16 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation Division (DNRC)

EXHIBIT (nah05a02)

00:44:24 Jason Todhunter, Representative, Montana Logging
Association (MLA)
00:45:55 Ellen Simpson, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)
00:47:22 Robert Johnson, Member, AFL-CIO

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:18 Rep. Mendenhall
00:48:26 Ms. Simpson
00:48:29 Rep. Mendenhall
00:48:46 Ms. Simpson
00:49:54 Rep. Mendenhall
00:50:06 Ms. Simpson
00:50:35 Rep. Mendenhall
00:50:49 Ms. Simpson
00:51:29 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:51:51 Mr. Schultz
00:52:27 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:52:44 Mr. Schultz
00:53:08 Rep. Dickenson

00:53:46 Mr. Schultz
00:55:13 Rep. Dickenson
00:55:25 Mr. Schultz
00:55:30 Rep. Dickenson
00:55:39 Mr. Schultz
00:56:46 Rep. Reinhart
00:56:54 Mr. Schultz
00:57:53 Rep. Reinhart
00:58:00 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:42 Rep. Hendrick

ADJOURNMENT

01:01:07 Adjournment:

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([nah05aad.pdf](#))