

MINUTES

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

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN DAVE KASTEN, on January 15, 2009 at 8:07 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Dennis Getz

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Catherine Ms. Duncan, Legislative Branch
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: H B 11 1/05/09
H B 6 1/9/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:06 Call to order
00:00:09 Chairman Kasten

Committee Business:

00:00:50 Ms. Duncan
00:01:33 Chairman Kasten
00:01:48 Mr. Bill Johnston, Montana University System
00:02:44 Chairman Kasten
00:02:52 Sen. Williams
00:03:24 Mr. Johnston
00:03:47 Chairman Kasten
00:03:50 Ms. Duncan
00:04:55 Chairman Kasten
00:05:14 Sen. Williams

TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PORGRAM (TSEP) HEARINGS

00:05:39 Chairman Kasten
00:06:00 Mr. Jim Edgcomb, Project Manager, Treasure State
Endowment Project (TSEP), Montana Department of
Commerce(DOC)
00:09:35 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON TOWN OF DUTTON

00:09:35 Chairman Kasten
00:09:51 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:51 Chairman Kasten
00:10:55 Mr. Tim Tharp, Dutton Town Council Representative
00:12:54 Chairman Kasten
00:12:58 Mr. Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
00:14:28 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON BLAINE COUNTY

00:15:07 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:45 Chairman Kasten
00:15:53 Mr. Don Swenson, Blaine County Commissioner
00:18:56 Chairman Kasten
00:19:03 Mr. Greg Benjamin, Stahly Engineering, Blaine County
EXHIBIT (j1h09a01)
00:21:21 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:35 Chairman Kasten
00:21:38 Sen. Barkus
00:22:44 Mr. Benjamin

HEARING ON LOMA COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

00:23:00 Chairman Kasten
00:23:05 Mr. Edgcomb
00:25:14 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:23 Mr. Craig Erickson, Bear Paw Development
00:28:44 Chairman Kasten
00:28:54 Mr. Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
00:29:29 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:58 Chairman Kasten
00:30:01 Mr. Aune

HEARING ON TOWN OF KEVIN

00:31:00 Chairman Kasten

00:31:09 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:42 Chairman Kasten

00:32:47 Mr. Ray Christiaans, City Council, Town of Kevin

EXHIBIT (j1h09a02)

00:34:36 Chairman Kasten

00:34:41 Mr. Jim Melstad, Anderson Montgomery Engineers, Town of Kevin

00:38:49 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:02 Chairman Kasten

00:39:06 Sen. Barkus

00:39:18 Mr. Melstad

00:39:23 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON FLATHEAD COUNTY FOR BIGFORK

Opening Statement:

00:40:01 Chairman Kasten

00:40:15 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:18 Chairman Kasten

00:41:30 Mr. Joe Brenneman, Flathead County Commissioner

EXHIBIT (j1h09a03)

00:43:37 Chairman Kasten

00:43:41 Mr. Mike Koopal, Bigfork Storm Water

00:45:51 Chairman Kasten

00:45:58 Ms. Sue Hanson, Bigfork

00:48:53 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:09 Chairman Kasten
00:49:23 Mr. Brenneman
00:50:02 Chairman Kasten
00:50:13 Mr. Brenneman
00:50:32 Chairman Kasten
00:50:44 Mr. Brenneman
00:51:00 Chairman Kasten
00:51:03 Sen. Barkus
00:52:01 Mr. Edgmond
00:54:10 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON WOODS BAY HOMESITES WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

00:54:19 Chairman Kasten
00:54:26 Mr. Edgcomb
00:57:26 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:37 Mr. Paul Rana, Woods Bay Homesites Water and Sewer
District

EXHIBIT (j1h09a04)

01:01:52 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:16 Sen. Barkus
01:02:39 Mr. Rana
01:03:02 Sen. Barkus
01:03:07 Mr. Rana
01:03:58 Sen. Barkus
01:04:02 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON CITY OF WHITEFISH

Opening Statement:

01:04:08 Chairman Kasten
01:04:14 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:02 Chairman Kasten

01:05:12 Mr. Scott Anderson, Engineer, City of Whitefish

EXHIBIT(jlh09a05)

01:10:16 Chairman Kasten

01:10:24 Mr. John Wilson, Public Works Director, City of
Whitefish

01:12:21 Chairman Kasten

01:12:24 Mr. Edgcomb

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON SHEAVER'S CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Opening Statement:

01:14:12 Mr. Edgcomb

01:14:45 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:55 Mr. Pat Smith, Chairman, Greater Woods Bay Water and
Sewer District

01:18:08 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Opening Statement:

01:18:50 Chairman Kasten

01:18:57 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON FLATHEAD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #8 (HAPPY VALLEY)

Opening Statement:

01:20:06 Chairman Kasten

01:21:10 Mr. Edgcomb

[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:38 Mr. Brenneman

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:06 Chairman Kasten

01:23:09 Mr. Brenneman

01:23:17 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON BYNUM/TETON COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Opening Statement

01:23:35 Chairman Kasten

01:23:40 Mr. Edgcomb

01:25:14 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:21 Mr. Todd Kuxhaus, Bynum

01:27:20 Chairman Kasten

01:27:27 Mr. Dave Trexler, Bynum Water and Sewer District

01:30:24 Chairman Kasten

01:30:32 Mr. Billy Walker, Chairman, Bynum Water District

01:31:26 Chairman Kasten

01:31:32 Mr. Jim Gilmore, Bynum

01:32:21 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:29 Chairman Kasten
01:32:38 Sen. Cooney
01:33:06 Sen. Barkus
01:33:38 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON CITY OF BOZEMAN

Opening Statement:

01:33:54 Chairman Kasten
01:34:02 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

01:35:27 Chairman Kasten
01:35:34 Mr. Keith Hamburg, City of Bozeman, owner of Gold's
Gym, member, Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce, and 2007
Board Chair
01:37:54 Chairman Kasten
01:37:58 Mr. Chris Kukulski, Bozeman City Manager
[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a07\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a08\)](#)
01:43:19 Chairman Kasten
01:43:26 Mr. Tom Adams, Waste Water Superintendent, City of
Bozeman
[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a09\)](#)
01:45:23 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:35 Break:

01:59:51 Reconvene:

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:59:55 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on
HB 6, Renewable resource grants and loans. (RRGL)

01:59:59 Chairman Kasten

02:00:14 Rep. McNutt

02:01:29 Chairman Kasten

Introduction to RRGL:

02:01:34 Ms. Alice Stanley, Bureau Chief, Resource Development
Bureau (RDB), Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a11\)](#)

Staff introductions:

Mr. Bob Fisher, Civil Engineer Specialist, RDB, DNRC

Ms. Pam Smith, Program Officer, RDB, DNRC

Ms. Alicia Stickney, Renewable Resource Scientist and Grants
Program Specialist

02:09:58 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON GREATER WOODS BAY SEWER

Opening Statement

02:10:17 Chairman Kasten

02:10:29 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

02:11:11 Chairman Kasten

02:11:17 Mr. Paul Rana, Greater Woods Bay Sewer District

[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a12\)](#)

02:14:50 Mr. William A Buxton, Flathead Valley

[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a13\)](#)

02:20:32 Chairman Kasten

02:20:36 Mr. Brenneman

[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a14\)](#)

02:21:33 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:21:39 Chairman Kasten
02:22:44 Mr. Brennenman
02:22:48 Chairman Kasten
02:22:53 Mr. Brenneman

HEARING ON EM-KAYAN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER

Opening Statement

02:23:06 Chairman Kasten
02:23:42 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

02:25:41 Chairman Kasten
02:25:44 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, SD 1
02:26:31 Mr. Gene Tracy, President, Em-Kayan Water and Sewer
District and Home Owners Association
02:30:00 Chairman Kasten
02:30:03 Ms. Crystal Morgan, MCI Engineering
02:31:32 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON GRANITE COUNTY

Opening Statement:

02:31:54 Chairman Kasten
02:32:04 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:00 Chairman Kasten
02:33:05 Mr. Fischer

02:35:04 Ms. Duncan
02:35:22 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:35:53 Chairman Kasten
02:36:00 Ms. Duncan
02:36:32 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON TOWN OF VALIER

Opening Statement:

02:36:41 Chairman Kasten
02:36:48 Mr. Edgcomb
02:38:16 Chairman Kasten
02:38:22 Mr. Edgcomb

Proponents' Testimony:

02:38:27 Chairman Kasten
02:38:30 Ms. Smith
02:38:53 Chairman Kasten
02:39:18 Ms. Velda Loch, Mayor, Town of Valier
02:40:46 Mr. Tom Loch, Valier
02:42:36 Chairman Kasten
02:42:41 Mr. Jim Melstad, Project Engineer for Valier, Anderson
Montgomery Engineers
02:45:53 Chairman Kasten
02:45:59 Ms. Becky Beard, Consultant, Town of Valier
02:46:40 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Comments:

02:47:12 Chairman Kasten, comments on history of regional water projects in North and South Dakota as well as Montana.

HEARING ON CITY OF RONAN

Opening Statement:

02:48:33 Chairman Kasten
02:48:41 Mr. Edgcomb
02:49:52 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

02:50:24 Chairman Kasten
02:50:30 Rep. John Fleming, HD 12
02:51:20 Chairman Kasten
02:51:27 Ms. Sherry Johnson, City of Ronan

EXHIBIT (j1h09a15)

02:54:03 Chairman Kasten
02:54:09 Mr. Mark Clary, Ronan Fire Chief, and City of Ronan
Water Superintendent
02:55:36 Chairman Kasten
02:55:45 Sen. Brueggeman
02:57:10 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON TOWN OF HARLOWTON

Opening Statement:

02:57:31 Chairman Kasten
02:57:38 Mr. Edgcomb
02:58:37 Chairman Kasten
02:58:45 Ms. Smith
02:59:32 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Public Comment:

03:00:08 Chairman Kasten
03:00:37 Ms. Candi Beaudry, West Billings Flood Control and
Ground Water Project
03:06:20 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:06:49 Chairman Kasten
03:06:55 Mr. Greg Chiltoll, Commission of Ravelli County
03:08:05 Chairman Kasten

Public Comment:

03:08:21 Mr. Harry Klock, HD 83
03:08:58 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:09:02 Chairman Kasten
03:09:10 Rep. Klock
03:09:21 Chairman Kasten
03:09:38 Rep. Klock
03:09:43 Chairman Kasten

Public comment: None

Committee Business:

03:10:04 Chairman Kasten
03:10:14 Ms. Duncan
03:11:20 Chairman Kasten

ADJOURNMENT

03:11:25 Adjournment:

MARY ANN MACKAY, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([j1h09aad.pdf](#))