

MINUTES

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

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order:

Chairman Dave Kasten, on January 16, 2009 at 8:04 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. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Christine Hultin-Brus, OBPP
Mary Ann Mackay, 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: HB 6, 1/9/2009; HB 11, 1/9/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:03 Chairman Kasten

Committee Business:

00:00:43 Ms. Duncan
00:03:21 Ms. Hultin-Brus
00:03:29 Ms. Duncan
00:04:32 Rep. Sesso
00:05:05 Sen. Barkus
00:05:12 Ms. Duncan
00:05:24 Rep. Sesso
00:05:30 Ms. Duncan
00:05:34 Rep. Sesso
00:05:40 Chairman Kasten
00:05:44 Ms. Duncan
00:05:51 Chairman Kasten
00:06:02 Ms. Duncan
00:06:30 Chairman Kasten

**Introduction of Renewable Resources Grant Loan
and Treasure State Endowment Program**

00:06:44 Ms. Duncan
00:16:18 Sen. Barkus
00:16:24 Ms. Duncan
00:19:51 Rep. Sesso
00:23:05 Ms. Duncan
00:24:04 Rep. Sesso
00:24:16 Chairman Kasten
00:24:20 Ms. Duncan
00:24:29 Sen. Williams
00:24:33 Ms. Duncan
00:25:39 Chairman Kasten
00:25:47 Ms. Duncan
00:26:43 Chairman Kasten
00:26:59 Ms. Duncan
00:27:19 Rep. Sesso
00:29:46 Chairman Kasten

RENEWABLE RESOURCES GRANT LOANS

00:30:15 Ray Beck, Administrator, Conservation and Resource
Development, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT (j1h10a01)

00:38:21 Chairman Kasten
00:38:47 Mr. Beck
00:39:29 Chairman Kasten

00:39:41 Mr. Beck

EXHIBIT (j1h10a02)

00:39:43 Chairman Kasten

00:40:04 Ms. Duncan

00:40:55 Mr. Beck

00:41:34 Ms. Duncan

00:42:13 Mr. Beck

00:42:24 Ms. Duncan

00:42:46 Mr. Beck

00:43:06 Chairman Kasten

00:43:17 Pam Smith, Program Officer, Resource Development
Bureau, DNRC

EXHIBIT (j1h10a03)

00:56:44 Chairman Kasten

00:56:52 Bob Fischer, Civil Engineer Specialist, Resource
Development Bureau, DNRC

01:03:05 Chairman Kasten

01:03:31 Mr. Fischer

01:03:57 Chairman Kasten

01:04:41 Ms. Smith

01:04:56 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:18 Chairman Kasten entered into the record the following
exhibits:

EXHIBIT (j1h10a04) Town of Wibaux

EXHIBIT (j1h10a05) Clinton Irrigation District

**HEARINGS ON HB 11, TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM (TSEP)
AND HB 6, RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT LOANS (RRGL)**

HEARING ON THE CITY OF SHELBY

01:06:08 Jim Edgcomb, Program Manager, Treasure State Endowment
Program (TSEP), Department of Commerce

01:08:18 Mr. Fischer

EXHIBIT (j1h10a06)

01:09:05 Sen. Bradley Hamlett, SD 10, Cascade, spoke in support
of Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District
project.

01:11:05 Chairman Kasten

01:11:15 Sen. Hamlett

01:11:26 Chairman Kasten

01:11:34 Sen. Hamlett

01:11:59 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:07 Chairman Kasten
01:12:11 Joe Dulling, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson Engineering
01:13:27 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON TOWN OF EUREKA

01:14:11 Mr. Edgcomb
01:15:28 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:09 Chairman Kasten
01:16:15 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, SD 1, Fortine
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a07\)](#)
01:17:40 Fred Phillips, Project Manager, Great West Engineering,
Town of Eureka
01:19:12 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:21 Chairman Kasten
01:19:43 Mr. Phillips
01:20:18 Chairman Kasten
01:20:47 Mr. Phillips
01:21:03 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON CITY OF TROY

01:21:32 Mr. Edgcomb
01:23:12 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:50 Chairman Kasten
01:23:57 Jim Hammons, Mayor, City of Troy
01:25:44 Dave Lozar, Engineer, TD&H, City of Troy
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:51 Rep. Getz

01:29:03 Mr. Lozar
01:29:34 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON FALLON COUNTY, NORTH BAKER WATER AND SEWER

01:29:55 Mr. Edgcomb
01:33:28 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:18 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON GORE HILL, COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

01:35:12 Mr. Edgcomb
01:36:27 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:55 Chairman Kasten
01:37:07 Dennis Peppenger, Gore Hill County Water District
01:40:46 Joel Pilcher, Great West Engineering, Gore Hill County
Water District

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:30 Chairman Kasten
01:41:47 Mr. Peppenger
01:42:05 Chairman Kasten
01:42:09 Mr. Peppenger
01:42:20 Chairman Kasten
01:42:26 Mr. Peppenger
01:42:30 Chairman Kasten
01:42:34 Mr. Peppenger
01:42:41 Chairman Kasten
01:43:02 Kate Miller, Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)
Engineer and Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
retired researcher
01:44:05 Chairman Kasten
01:44:13 Ms. Miller
01:45:08 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON SOUTH CHESTER COUNTY WATER

01:45:36 Mr. Edgcomb
01:46:45 Ms. Smith
01:47:11 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:15 Ms. Annmarie Robinson, Bear Paw Development, South
Chester Infrastructure Specialist

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:51 Chairman Kasten
01:51:56 Ms. Robinson
01:53:06 Chairman Kasten
01:53:14 Ms. Duncan
01:53:30 Ms. Robinson
01:54:55 Chairman Kasten
01:55:13 Sen. Cooney
01:56:57 Mr. Edgcomb
01:57:50 Chairman Kasten
01:57:54 Sen. Cooney
01:58:11 Mr. Edgcomb
01:58:29 Sen. Cooney
01:58:34 Mr. Edgcomb
01:59:16 Sen. Cooney
01:59:21 Chairman Kasten

01:59:27__Break

02:13:30__Reconvene

HEARING ON CITY OF LIVINGSTON

02:13:48 Chairman Kasten
02:13:56 Ms. Stanley
02:14:58 Mr. Edgcomb
02:15:59 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

02:17:14 Chairman Kasten
02:17:18 Ed Meeze, City Manager, City of Livingston
EXHIBIT (j1h10a09)
02:20:08 Chairman Kasten
02:20:18 Rep. Bob Ebinger, HD 62, Livingston

02:20:59 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:21:22 Chairman Kasten

02:22:19 Mr. Meeze

02:22:38 Sen. Cooney

HEARING ON FORT SMITH WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

02:22:55 Mr. Edgcomb

02:24:38 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON JETTE MEADOWS WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

02:26:02 Mr. Edgcomb

02:27:29 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

02:28:12 Shari Johnson, Engineer, Jette Meadows Water and Sewer District

EXHIBIT(jlh10a10)

02:32:18 Sen. Brueggeman

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:34:26 Ms. Duncan

02:34:48 Rep. Janna Taylor, HD 11, Dayton

2:35:30 Sen. Cooney

02:35:49 Ms. Johnson

02:35:59 Chairman Kasten

02:36:39 Ms. Johnson

02:38:13 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE

02:38:32 Chairman Kasten

02:38:44 Mr. Edgcomb

02:42:02 Ms. Smith

02:42:47 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

02:43:06 Mr. Andy Mefford
[EXHIBIT \(j1h10a11\)](#)
02:50:51 Chairman Kasten
02:51:03 Sen. Jim Shockley, SD 45, Victor
02:52:11 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:52:31 Chairman Kasten
02:52:40 Mr. Mefford
2:54:05 Sen. Barkus
02:54:17 Mr. Edgcomb

HEARING ON BRIDGER PINES COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

02:54:48 Mr. Edgcomb
02:58:22 Ms. Smith
02:58:56 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

02:59:12 Jim Larson, Stahly Engineering
03:04:02 Chairman Kasten
03:04:11 Paul Bockus, President, Bridger Pines Homeowners, and
Vice President of Bridger Pines Water and Sewer
District

Opponents' Testimony:

03:07:08 Deb Stratford, Bridger Canyon

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:11:09 Chairman Kasten
03:11:44 Mr. Bockus
03:12:26 Chairman Kasten

Public Testimony or Comment:

03:14:03 Sen. Mitch Tropila, SD 13, Great Falls, on behalf of
Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District and
Gore Hill County Water District.
03:17:07 Chairman Kasten
03:17:52 Sen. Tropila

03:18:03 Rep. Bob Wagner, HD 71, Harrison, on behalf of Town of Virginia City and Town of Ennis.
03:19:02 Chairman Kasten
03:19:12 Pat Byrne, Missoula, Clinton Irrigation District
03:19:52 Chairman Kasten
03:20:15 Candace Hamlin, Bridger Pines
03:20:34 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering
03:22:50 Chairman Kasten
03:23:53 Mr. Aune
03:24:22 Chairman Kasten
03:24:32 Ms. Duncan
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03:43:32 Chairman Kasten

ADJOURNMENT

03:43:34 Adjournment 11:48

MARY ANN MACKAY, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([j1h10aad.pdf](#))