

MINUTES

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

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN DAVE KASTEN, on January 19, 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. Mike Cooney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

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, 1/12/2009

Executive Action: None

00:00:02 Chairman Kasten
00:01:02 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:01:40 Chairman Kasten
00:01:47 Ms. Duncan
00:01:57 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON HB 6

Opening Statement:

00:02:03 Ms. Alice Stanley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), opened the hearing on HB 6, Renewable Resources Grants and Loans (RRGL)

HEARING ON FLATHEAD JOINT BOARD OF CONTROL

00:03:15 Chairman Kasten
00:03:25 Ms. Alicia Stickney, Grants Program Specialist, DNRC
00:04:12 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:22 Mr. Ed Everaert, Dowl-HKM Engineering
EXHIBIT (j1h12a01)
00:07:37 Mr. John Metropoulos, Flathead Joint Board of Control (FJBC)
00:08:54 Chairman Kasten
00:08:57 Mr. Steve Hughes, Commissioner at Large, FJBC, representing 3,000 irrigators
00:10:55 Chairman Kasten
00:10:58 Rep. John Fleming, HD 12, Saint Ignatius
00:12:08 Mr. Lloyd Irvine, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribal Council, Board Member, Cooperative Management Entity (CME) and water user
00:13:23 Chairman Kasten
00:13:31 Mr. Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:13:55 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:11 Chairman Kasten
00:14:30 Mr. Hughes
00:15:46 Chairman Kasten
00:15:50 Mr. Hughes
00:15:53 Chairman Kasten
00:15:56 Mr. Hughes
00:16:15 Chairman Kasten

00:16:21 Sen. Barkus
00:16:27 Mr. Everaert
00:16:37 Sen. Barkus
00:16:44 Mr. Everaert
00:17:09 Sen. Barkus
00:17:14 Mr. Hughes
00:17:51 Sen. Barkus
00:17:54 Mr. Metropoulos

HEARING ON CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

00:18:25 Ms. Stickney
00:19:06 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:14 Mr. Everaert
00:21:56 Chairman Kasten
00:22:02 Mr. Everaert
00:23:20 Chairman Kasten
00:23:25 Mr. Hughes
00:23:39 Rep. Fleming

EXHIBIT (j1h12a02)

00:24:14 Chairman Kasten
00:24:22 Mr. Murphy
00:24:51 Rep. Fleming
00:24:54 Chairman Kasten
00:24:56 Mr. Irvine

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:26 Sen. Cooney
00:25:48 Mr. Everaert
00:26:34 Sen. Cooney
00:26:37 Mr. Everaert
00:26:55 Sen. Cooney
00:27:00 Chairman Kasten
00:27:11 Mr. Metropoulos
00:27:20 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON TOWN OF ST IGNATIUS

00:27:38 Ms. Pam Smith, Program Officer, Resource Development
Bureau, DNRC
00:28:09 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:14 Rep. John Fleming
00:29:23 Chairman Kasten
00:29:30 Mr. Fred Phillips, Great West Engineering
00:30:36 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HEARING ON FLATHEAD BASIN COMMISSION

00:31:01 Mr. Bob Fisher, Resource Development Bureau, DNRC
00:32:04 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:14 Ms. Caryn Miske, Executive Director, Flathead Basin
Commission(FBC)
00:34:38 Chairman Kasten
00:34:47 Mr. Ed Heger, Citizen Member and Vice Chairman, FBC
00:37:04 Chairman Kasten
00:37:10 Mr. Joe Brenneman, Flathead County Commissioner
00:38:41 Chairman Kasten
00:38:49 Sen. Barkus
00:39:15 Chairman Kasten

Opponents's Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:31 Sen. Barkus
00:40:00 Ms. Miske
00:40:23 Chairman Kasten
00:40:29 Ms. Miske
00:40:57 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON MISSOULA COUNTY - LEWIS AND CLARK SUBDIVISION RSID

00:41:11 Mr. Bob Fischer, Civil Engineering Specialist, DNRC
00:42:10 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:25 Mr. Greg Robertson, Public Works Director, Missoula
County
EXHIBIT(jlh12a03)

00:48:10 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:26 Sen. Williams
00:48:56 Chairman Kasten
00:48:59 Sen. Barkus
00:49:09 Mr. Robertson
00:49:16 Sen. Barkus
00:49:20 Mr. Robertson
00:49:36 Chairman Kasten
00:49:40 Mr. Robertson
00:49:44 Chairman Kasten
00:49:49 Mr. Robertson
00:50:16 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON BIGFORK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

00:50:51 Mr. Fischer, DNRC
00:51:58 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON WHITEFISH, COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

00:52:25 Ms. Smith, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON MSU MONTANA WATERCOURSES

00:53:32 Ms. Stickney
00:54:20 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:29 Ms. Debra Earl, Director, Montana Watercourses
01:01:00 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:12 Sen. Cooney
01:01:24 Ms. Earl
01:01:32 Sen. Cooney
01:01:38 Ms. Earl
01:01:49 Sen. Cooney
01:02:15 Ms. Earl
01:03:20 Sen. Cooney
01:03:30 Ms. Earl
01:03:43 Sen. Cooney
01:03:46 Chairman Kasten
01:03:50 Sen. Barkus
01:04:15 Chairman Kasten
01:04:18 Sen. Barkus
01:04:21 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON MSU MONTANA WATER CENTER

01:04:34 Ms. Stickney
01:05:25 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON CITY OF MISSOULA

01:06:15 Mr. Fischer, DNRC
01:07:31 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:45 Sen. Williams
01:07:55 Chairman Kasten
01:08:01 Ms. Duncan
01:08:35 Mr. Fischer
01:08:41 Ms. Duncan
01:08:50 Chairman Kasten
01:08:53 Ms. Duncan
01:08:58 Mr. Fischer
01:09:02 Sen. Williams
01:09:10 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON FLATHEAD COUNTY

01:09:34 Mr. Fischer, DNRC
01:10:35 Chairman Kasten
01:10:38 Mr. Brenneman

01:12:34 Chairman Kasten
01:12:41 Ms. Miske, Executive Director, FBC
01:13:33 Chairman Kasten
01:13:38 Mr. Ed Heger, Vice Chairman FBC
01:14:01 Chairman Kasten
01:14:08 Sen. Barkus

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:24 Sen. Barkus
01:14:40 Mr. Brenneman
01:15:00 Chairman Kasten
01:15:39 Mr. Brenneman
01:16:31 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON DNRC WATER RESOURCES DIVISION

01:17:20 Mr. Fischer, DNRC
01:18:16 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:22 Mr. Kevin Smith, Bureau Chief, State Water Quality
Bureau, DNRC

EXHIBIT (j1h12a04)

01:23:31 Chairman Kasten

Opponents's Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:45 Sen. Cooney
01:23:57 Mr. Smith
01:24:15 Sen. Cooney
01:24:28 Chairman Kasten
01:24:52 Ms. Duncan
01:25:29 Chairman Kasten

01:25:31 Break

02:11:23 Reconvene

HEARING ON TOWN OF ENNIS

02:12:07 Ms. Smith, DNRC
02:12:36 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

02:12:42 Mr. John Bancroft, Ennis City Council
02:14:30 Chairman Kasten
02:14:45 Mr. Joel Pilcher, Great West Engineering
02:16:10 Chairman Kasten
02:16:14 Sen. Debby Barrett, SD 36, Dillon
02:16:39 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:16:57 Sen. Cooney
02:17:15 Mr. Pilcher
02:17:29 Sen. Cooney
02:17:32 Mr. Pilcher
02:18:01 Sen. Cooney
02:18:04 Chairman Kasten
02:18:19 Mr. Bancroft
02:18:35 Chairman Kasten
02:18:53 Mr. Pilcher
02:19:21 Chairman Kasten
02:19:30 Mr. Pilcher
02:19:34 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON SWEET GRASS COUNTY

02:19:47 Ms. Smith, DNRC
02:20:34 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

02:20:40 Ms. Suzie Mosness, Sweet Grass County Commissioner
02:21:55 Chairman Kasten
02:22:07 Ms. Kerry O'Connell, Grant Writer and Manager, Sweet
Grass County
02:23:22 Chairman Kasten
02:23:31 Mr. Bill Lloyd, Great West Engineering
02:25:17 Chairman Kasten

Opponents: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:36 Sen. Cooney
02:26:20 Mr. Lloyd
02:27:25 Sen. Cooney
02:27:28 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON HOMESTEAD ACRES COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

02:27:41 Ms. Smith, DNRC
02:28:13 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony:

02:28:16 Mr. Mick Kessel, Chairman, Homestead Acres Water Board
02:30:22 Chairman Kasten
02:30:37 Rep. Sue Dickenson, HD 25, Great Falls
02:32:37 Chairman Kasten
02:32:42 Mr. Pilcher
02:34:31 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:34:46 Chairman Kasten
02:35:04 Mr. Pilcher
02:35:26 Chairman Kasten

HEARING ON GREENACRES COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

02:35:58 Mr. Fischer, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony:

02:37:01 Mr. Timber Stevens, President, Greenacres County Water
and Sewer District

EXHIBIT (j1h12a05)

02:43:37 Rep. Mark Blasdel, HD 10, Somers, asked that the record
show Sen. Verdell Jackson, SD 5, Kalispell, be recorded
as a proponent.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:44:23 Chairman Kasten
02:44:38 Mr. Stevens
02:45:49 Chairman Kasten
02:46:26 Mr. Stevens

02:47:51 Chairman Kasten
02:48:06 Mr. Stevens
02:48:25 Chairman Kasten
02:48:30 Mr. Stevens
02:48:33 Chairman Kasten

**HEARING ON SWEET GRASS: COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
located in Toole County, north of Shelby**

02:48:46 Mr. Fischer, DNRC
02:49:47 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

HEARING ON CITY OF LAUREL

02:50:19 Mr. Fischer, DNRC
02:50:57 Chairman Kasten

Proponents' Testimony: None

02:51:13 Mr. Bill Sheridan, Administrator, City of Laurel
02:54:15 Chairman Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Comments:

02:54:30 Chairman Kasten
02:54:41 Mr. Sheridan
02:55:38 Chairman Kasten
02:56:19 Mr. Sheridan
02:56:41 Chairman Kasten

Public Comment: None

Instructions to Staff:

02:57:21 Ms. Duncan
02:57:59 Chairman Kasten
02:58:13 Ms. Duncan
02:58:55 Sen. Williams
02:59:11 Ms. Duncan
02:59:36 Sen. Cooney
02:59:42 Sen. Williams
03:00:04 Ms. Duncan
03:00:45 Sen. Cooney

03:01:59 Chairman Kasten

03:02:05 Sen. Williams

03:02:53 Chairman Kasten

ADJOURNMENT

03:03:03 adjournment: 11:07 A.M.

MARY ANN MACKAY, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([j1h12aad.pdf](#))