

MINUTES

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

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: Chairman Dave Kasten, on February 6, 2009 at 9:07
A.M., in Room 152 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 (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: Permitting Process meeting.

Executive Action: None

Permitting and the Potential for Bottlenecks as related to the economic stimulus plan

Getting economic stimulus projects/dollars on the ground in Montana

00:00:07 Chairman Kasten, made introductory speech about the permitting process and the importance of being prepared for potential stimulus money.

00:05:25 Sen. Cooney

00:07:34 Chairman Kasten

Comments:

00:10:04 Mr. Evan Barrett, Chief Business Officer, Governor Office of Economic Development

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:30 Chairman Kasten

00:15:34 Rep. Sesso

00:16:54 Chairman Kasten

00:17:31 Rep. Sesso

00:18:06 Chairman Kasten

Comments:

00:18:19 Mr. Richard Opper, Director, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:24:44 Chairman Kasten

00:25:09 Mr. Opper

00:25:14 Chairman Kasten

00:25:24 Miss Emily Dumer thanked the committee for the hard work they do for Montana and reminded them to keep the children in mind as they make their decisions. Emily and other Rossiter school children distributed snacks to committee members.

00:25:55 Chairman Kasten

00:26:12 Ms. Hultin-Brus, OBPP

00:26:25 Chairman Kasten

00:27:56 Mr. Opper

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:11 Chairman Kasten

00:29:14 Mr. Opper

00:43:46 Chairman Kasten

00:43:51 Mr. Opper

00:49:04 Chairman Kasten
00:49:23 Mr. Opper
00:49:27 Chairman Kasten
00:49:39 Mr. Opper
00:51:36 Chairman Kasten

Comments:

00:52:14 Mr. Dave Aune, Vice President of Operations, Great West
Engineering
00:59:26 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:59:29 Sen. Cooney
00:59:48 Mr. Aune
01:00:00 Sen. Cooney
01:00:36 Mr. Aune
01:01:25 Sen. Cooney
01:01:27 Chairman Kasten

Comments:

01:01:37 Mr. Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association
01:04:52 Chairman Kasten

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:58 Sen. Williams
01:05:12 Mr. Opper
01:07:08 Sen. Cooney
01:07:27 Mr. Opper
01:08:50 Sen. Cooney
01:09:30 Mr. Aune
01:10:14 Sen. Cooney
01:10:30 Mr. Aune
01:10:39 Sen. Cooney
01:10:49 Mr. Aune
01:10:54 Chairman Kasten
01:11:01 Rep. Sesso
01:11:14 Mr. Opper
01:11:17 Rep. Sesso
01:12:28 Mr. Opper
01:14:01 Chairman Kasten
01:14:12 Mr. Tom Livers, Deputy Director, DEQ
01:17:17 Rep. Sesso
01:17:38 Chairman Kasten

Comments:

01:17:43 Mr. Darrel Stordahl, Engineer, CDM Engineering
01:19:37 Chairman Kasten
01:19:48 Mr. Martin Carlson, CDM Engineering
01:23:52 Chairman Kasten
01:24:14 Mr. David Cook, Bureau Chief, Building Codes Bureau,
Department of Labor and Industry (DOL&I)
01:39:59 Chairman Kasten
01:40:14 Ms. Robin Shropshire, hydro geologist, board member,
Board of Environmental Review
01:44:55 Chairman Kasten
01:45:53 Mr. John Bloomquist, Helena, attorney involved in water
and environmental permitting

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:59 Chairman Kasten
01:50:22 Mr. Bloomquist
01:50:41 Chairman Kasten
01:50:44 Mr. Bloomquist
01:51:00 Chairman Kasten
01:51:40 Mr. Bloomquist
01:52:42 Chairman Kasten
01:52:46 Sen. Cooney
01:53:08 Mr. Bloomquist
01:54:04 Sen. Cooney
01:54:07 Chairman Kasten
01:54:09 Sen. Cooney
01:54:39 Mr. Opper
01:55:01 Chairman Kasten
01:55:10 Sen. Cooney

Wrap Up/Summation of Discussion:

01:55:30 Chairman Kasten

Closing Comments:

01:56:03 Mr. Opper
02:00:56 Chairman Kasten
02:01:00 Mr. Cook
02:02:08 Chairman Kasten

Committee Business:

02:02:59 Chairman Kasten announced the committee will not meet
on February 9 through 12.

02:03:23 Ms. Duncan
02:04:45 Chairman Kasten
02:05:02 Ms. Duncan
02:06:14 Ms. Hultin-Brus
02:06:43 Chairman Kasten announced that executive action on HB
9 and HB 10 is scheduled for Friday, February 13.
02:07:03 Ms. Duncan
02:07:35 Rep. McNutt
02:07:44 Ms. Duncan
02:08:02 Ms. Hultin-Brus
02:08:32 Chairman Kasten
02:08:50 Ms. Hultin-Brus
02:08:55 Chairman Kasten
02:08:58 Ms. Hultin-Brus
02:09:13 Sen. Cooney
02:11:33 Chairman Kasten
02:12:01 Sen. Cooney
02:13:03 Chairman Kasten
02:13:22 Sen. Cooney
02:13:26 Chairman Kasten
02:13:58 Ms. Duncan
02:15:29 Chairman Kasten
02:15:39 Ms. Duncan
02:15:41 Rep. Sesso
02:15:46 Ms. Duncan
02:15:54 Rep. Sesso
02:16:12 Chairman Kasten
02:16:14 Rep. Sesso
02:16:18 Sen. Cooney
02:16:21 Rep. Sesso
02:16:24 Ms. Duncan
02:16:27 Rep. Sesso
02:17:13 Chairman Kasten
02:17:25 Sen. Williams
02:17:29 Chairman Kasten
02:17:32 Rep. Sesso
02:17:35 Chairman Kasten
02:17:37 Rep. Sesso
02:18:43 Chairman Kasten
02:18:47 Rep. Sesso
02:18:55 Chairman Kasten

ADJOURNMENT

02:18:56 Adjournment: 11:25 A.M.

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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