

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Milburn, on March 25, 2009 at 3:00 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. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
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. Anders Blewett (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)

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: SB 206, 3/12/2009; SB 360,
3/12/2009; HB 669
SB 392, 3/12/2009; SJ 21

Executive Action: None

00:00:02 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON SB 360

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 360, Revise major facility siting act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:03 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy

EXHIBIT (nah66a01)

00:08:45 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:22 Warren McCullough, Chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:51 Rep. Reinhart
00:10:15 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:11:21 Rep. Reinhart
00:11:34 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:12:38 Rep. Reinhart
00:12:47 Mr. Fitzpatrick
00:13:16 Rep. Reinhart
00:13:45 Mr. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:23 Sen. Keane

00:15:07 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:21 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 206, Eliminate term restrictions on EQC members.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:44 Rep. Dickenson
00:17:08 Sen. Barrett
00:17:25 Rep. Dickenson
00:17:51 Sen. Barrett
00:18:03 Rep. Hands
00:18:14 Sen. Barrett
00:18:39 Rep. Hands
00:18:51 Sen. Barrett
00:19:09 Rep. Vincent
00:19:32 Sen. Barrett
00:20:19 Rep. Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:31 Sen. Barrett
00:20:49 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON HB 669

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:23 Rep. Chas Vincent (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on
HB 669, Establish wood product industry loan program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:24 Rep. Cohenour
00:25:56 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
00:26:22 Kat Imhoff, The Nature Conservancy
00:27:28 John Gatchel, Montana Wilderness Association
00:28:08 Andy Poole, Department of Commerce

EXHIBIT (nah66a02)

00:32:30 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation
00:37:01 Robert Johnson, Montana AFL-CIO, Smurfit-Stone
Container
00:37:59 Dick King, President, Missoula Area Economic
Development Corporation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:42 Rep. Belcourt
00:41:24 Rep. Vincent
00:41:30 Rep. Belcourt
00:41:38 Rep. Vincent
00:42:10 Rep. Belcourt
00:42:33 Rep. Vincent
00:42:49 Rep. Belcourt
00:43:08 Rep. Vincent
00:43:22 Rep. Belcourt
00:43:31 Mr. Poole
00:43:43 Rep. Hendrick
00:44:19 Rep. Vincent
00:44:47 Rep. Reinhart
00:44:58 Rep. Vincent
00:45:08 Rep. Reinhart
00:45:20 Rep. Vincent
00:45:52 Rep. Miller
00:46:10 Rep. Vincent
00:46:36 Rep. Miller
00:47:05 Rep. Vincent
00:47:15 Mr. Poole
00:47:56 Rep. Miller
00:48:36 Rep. Vincent
00:49:09 Rep. Miller
00:49:18 Rep. Hands
00:50:07 Rep. Vincent
00:50:20 Mr. Poole
00:51:01 Rep. Hands
00:51:16 Mr. Poole
00:52:14 Rep. Hands
00:52:31 Mr. Poole
00:53:10 Rep. Hands
00:53:22 Mr. Poole
00:53:55 Rep. Hands
00:54:32 Mr. Poole
00:55:40 Chairman Milburn
00:56:04 Mr. Poole
00:58:19 Rep. Hands
00:59:53 Rep. Vincent
01:01:04 Rep. Dickenson
01:01:37 Mr. Poole
01:02:17 Rep. Dickenson
01:02:52 Mr. Poole
01:04:22 Rep. McGillvray

01:05:06 Rep. Vincent
01:07:49 Chairman Milburn
01:08:03 Rep. McGillvray
01:08:26 Mr. Poole
01:09:20 Chairman Milburn
01:09:45 Rep. Vincent
01:10:35 Chairman Milburn
01:10:44 Rep. Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:27 Rep. Vincent

01:13:58 Break
01:32:22 Resume

HEARING ON SJ 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:32:46 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on
SJ 21, Joint resolution on forest service study area.
EXHIBIT (nah66a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:20 Gary Callahan, Resident, Libby
01:39:40 Ron Olfert, Montanans for Property Rights and Sanders
Natural Resource Council
EXHIBIT (nah66a04)

01:41:58 Mr. R. Johnson
01:43:30 Josh Letcher, Resident, Eureka
01:45:31 Chas Vincent, Representative, HD 2
01:47:17 Steve Curtiss, Glen Lake Irrigation District
EXHIBIT (nah66a05)

01:52:15 Gordon Hendrick, Representative, HD 14
01:53:59 Mr. Todhunter
01:54:24 Kathleen Johnson, Resident, Fortine
01:58:57 Gregg Johnson, Resident, Fortine
02:01:05 Kurt West, Resident, Fortine
02:03:09 Jim Doyle, Resident, Eureka
02:04:08 Rhoda Cargill, Lincoln County Natural Resource Council
EXHIBIT (nah66a06)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:11:33 Charles Meyers, III, Resident, Somers

02:16:36 Mr. Gatchell

EXHIBIT (nah66a07)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:24:48 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:25:14 Sen. Curtiss
02:26:07 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:26:10 Sen. Curtiss
02:26:21 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:26:31 Sen. Curtiss
02:26:46 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:27:06 Mr. Gatchell
02:27:24 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:27:35 Mr. Gatchell
02:27:52 Rep. Vincent
02:28:01 Rep. Hands
02:28:10 Chairman Milburn
02:28:15 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:28:20 Rep. McGillvray
02:29:12 Mr. Gatchell
02:29:48 Rep. McGillvray
02:29:57 Mr. Gatchell
02:29:59 Rep. McGillvray
02:30:10 Mr. Gatchell
02:30:14 Rep. McGillvray
02:30:20 Mr. Gatchell
02:30:55 Rep. McGillvray
02:31:36 Sen. Curtiss
02:31:54 Ms. Cargill
02:33:37 Rep. Warburton
02:34:00 Mr. Meyers
02:34:05 Rep. Warburton
02:34:16 Mr. Meyers
02:35:42 Chairman Milburn
02:36:02 Mr. West
02:37:38 Chairman Milburn
02:37:41 Mr. West
02:37:59 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:38:27 Mr. Gatchell
02:38:33 Rep. McGillvray
02:39:00 Mr. Gatchell
02:39:08 Rep. McGillvray
02:39:18 Mr. Gatchell

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:33 Sen. Curtiss

02:44:02 Chairman Milburn

HEARING ON SB 392

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:44:58 Sen. John Brueggeman (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 392, Revise subdivision laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:46:43 Steve Kilbreath, DEQ

[EXHIBIT \(nah66a08\)](#)

02:48:18 Terry Murphy, Lake County

[EXHIBIT \(nah66a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:50:00 Rep. Reinhart

02:50:08 Mr. Kilbreath

02:50:54 Rep. Dickenson

02:51:15 Sen. Brueggeman

Closing by Sponsor:

02:51:50 Sen. Brueggeman

02:52:12 Chairman Milburn

ADJOURNMENT

02:52:39 Adjournment: 6:30 P.M.

Shirley Chovanak, Secretary

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Additional Document
EXHIBIT (nah66a10)

Additional Documents:
EXHIBIT (nah66aad.pdf)