

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on January 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Staff Present: Lauren Head, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 37, 1/10/2011; HB 93, 1/10/2011

HEARING ON HB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:53 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 37, Revise strip and underground mine reclamation act laws related to revegetation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:44 Ed Coleman, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

00:05:50 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:46 Rep. Reinhart

00:07:04 Mr. Coleman

00:07:38 Rep. Warburton joined the meeting.

00:07:52 Rep. Reinhart

00:08:08 Mr. Coleman

00:08:25 Rep. Reinhart

00:08:27 Mr. Coleman

00:08:42 Rep. Reinhart

00:08:51 Mr. Coleman

00:09:16 Mr. Clinch

00:09:43 Rep. Reinhart

00:09:49 Rep. Miller

00:10:06 Mr. Clinch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:04 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:34 Rep. Timothy Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 93, Revise laws related to slash hazard reduction.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:07 Bob Harrington, Forestry Division of Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:15:12 Patrick Hefferman, Montana Wood Products Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:17 Rep. Furey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 155

00:18:01 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 155 DO PASS.**

00:18:10 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 155 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah11a01)

Discussion:

00:19:21 Rep. Hands
00:19:29 Mr. Kolman
00:20:55 Rep. Miller
00:21:15 Mr. Kolman
00:21:34 Rep. Miller
00:21:41 Chairman Hendrick
00:21:59 Rep. Reinhart
00:22:22 Rep. Williams
00:22:55 Rep. Reinhart
00:23:07 Rep. Williams
00:23:31 Chairman Hendrick
00:24:17 Rep. Hoven

00:24:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Miller voting no.

00:24:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 155 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 7-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Flynn, Rep. Hale, Rep. Hendrick,
Rep. Miller, Rep. Warburton and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Bennett and
Rep. Connell absent, did not vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 58

00:28:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barrett moved that **HB 58 DO PASS.** Motion carried 13-0 by
roll call vote. Rep. Bennett and Rep. Connell absent, did not vote.

ADJOURNMENT

00:31:52 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah11aad.pdf](#))