

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on February 7, 2011 at 3:31 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Bill Harris (R)

Staff Present: Lauren Head, 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: HB 393, 2/4/2011; HB 402, 2/4/2011

HEARING ON HB 393**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:44 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 393, Revise coal bed methane protection act.

00:02:49 Rep. Harris joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:58 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:08:16 Rep. Reinhart joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:04 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users Association
[EXHIBIT\(nah30a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(nah30a02\)](#)

00:14:23 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
[EXHIBIT\(nah30a03\)](#)

00:18:37 Juila Page, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:23:56 Rep. Bennett left the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

00:24:42 Ray Beck, Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:21 Rep. Loney

00:25:37 Mr. Beck

00:25:44 Rep. Loney

00:25:46 Mr. Beck

00:26:21 Rep. Hands

00:26:51 Ms. Lindlief-Hall

00:27:36 Vice Chair Hoven joined the meeting.

00:28:10 Rep. Hands

00:28:16 Ms. Lindlief-Hall

00:28:28 Rep. Hands

00:28:42 Ms. Lindlief-Hall

00:29:32 Rep. Hands

00:30:00 Mr. Beck

00:30:42 Rep. Bennett rejoined the meeting.

00:31:18 Rep. Miller

00:31:34 Mr. Tiberi

00:32:12 Rep. Barrett

00:32:40 Mr. Beck

00:32:49 Rep. Barrett

00:33:11 Rep. Miller left the meeting.
00:33:32 Mr. Beck
00:34:30 Rep. Barrett
00:35:14 Mr. Beck
00:36:00 Rep. Reinhart
00:36:22 Mr. Beck
00:36:54 Rep. Reinhart
00:37:04 Mr. Beck
00:37:24 Rep. Reinhart
00:37:43 Ms. Lindlief-Hall
00:38:14 Rep. Reinhart
00:38:29 Ms. Lindlief-Hall
00:38:36 Rep. Miller rejoined the meeting.
00:39:51 Rep. Harris
00:40:06 Mr. Beck
00:40:16 Rep. Harris
00:40:38 Mr. Beck
00:41:03 Rep. Hands
00:41:51 Rep. McChesney
00:42:19 Rep. Hands
00:42:45 Rep. McChesney
00:43:57 Rep. Bennett
00:44:19 Rep. McChesney
00:44:41 Rep. Williams
00:45:01 Mr. Beck
00:45:43 Rep. Williams
00:45:49 Mr. Beck
00:46:38 Rep. Bennett
00:47:07 Mr. Beck
00:47:42 Rep. Loney
00:48:16 Ms. Lindlief-Hall
00:48:32 Rep. Loney
00:49:03 Mr. Tiberi
00:49:31 Chairman Hendrick
00:49:48 Rep. McChesney
00:49:59 Chairman Hendrick
00:50:07 Mr. Beck

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:58 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 402

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:59 Rep. Matthew Rosendale (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 402, Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel.

01:00:31 Rep. Hands left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:04 John Youngburg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana
Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
01:02:27 Jerry Bowser, Environmental Manager, Helena Sand and Gravel
01:06:19 Kerry Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
01:08:19 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
01:08:41 Rep. Hands rejoined the meeting.
01:09:17 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:12:33 John Ostlund, MACo

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:10 Linda Stahl, Montana Association of Planners (MAP)
01:17:50 Jean Riley, self
01:21:45 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:24:07 Rep. Barrett
01:24:33 Mr. Blattie
01:24:37 Rep. Barrett
01:25:30 Mr. Blattie
01:25:40 Rep. Reinhart
01:26:21 Ms. Stahl
01:26:57 Rep. Reinhart
01:27:36 Mr. Blattie
01:28:06 Vice Chair Hoven left the meeting.
01:28:48 Rep. Reinhart
01:29:03 Mr. Blattie
01:29:31 Rep. Reinhart
01:29:41 Mr. Blattie
01:30:03 Rep. Reinhart
01:30:17 Mr. Blattie
01:31:06 Rep. Miller
01:31:37 Ms. Stahl
01:32:03 Rep. Miller
01:32:22 Ms. Stahl
01:32:36 Rep. Miller
01:32:45 Ms. Stahl
01:33:05 Rep. Williams
01:33:11 Vice Chair Hoven rejoined the meeting.
01:33:42 Rep. Rosendale
01:34:03 Rep. Williams
01:34:50 Mr. Bowser
01:34:58 Rep. Williams
01:35:07 Mr. Bowser
01:35:31 Rep. Williams

01:36:06 Mr. Bowser
01:36:32 Rep. Williams
01:36:46 Rep. Rosendale
01:36:58 Rep. Reinhart left the meeting.
01:37:15 Rep. Williams
01:37:20 Rep. Rosendale
01:37:28 Rep. Court
01:38:09 Mr. Blattie
01:39:37 Rep. Hands
01:40:11 Mr. Blattie
01:41:23 Rep. Barrett
01:41:41 Mr. Blattie
01:41:48 Rep. Hands
01:42:28 Mr. Blattie
01:42:42 Rep. Hands
01:42:50 Mr. Blattie
01:43:38 Rep. Hands
01:44:58 Mr. Blattie
01:45:51 Rep. Hands
01:46:01 Mr. Blattie
01:46:12 Rep. Hands
01:46:14 Mr. Blattie
01:46:56 Rep. Hands
01:47:08 Mr. Blattie
01:47:25 Chairman Hendrick
01:47:58 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:36 Rep. Rosendale
01:49:50 Chairman Hendrick

ADJOURNMENT

01:51:43 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah30aad.pdf](#))