

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** 01:59:38 Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on January 14, 2013 at 3:30 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Colleen Dever, 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 59, 1/14/2013; HB 146, 1/14/2013

Additional Meeting: Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) Presentation to Joint Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and House Agriculture.

**Presentation to Joint Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and House Agriculture**

Note: House Natural Resource Meeting Minutes begin on Page 2.

00:36:02 Sen. Brown  
 00:37:27 Honorable Lyle Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, Saskatchewan, CANADA and  
 President, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)

**EXHIBIT(nah06a01)**

00:49:50 Sen. Brown  
 00:50:07 Mr. Stewart, PNWER  
 00:50:09 Sen. Brown  
 00:50:27 Matt Morrison, Chief Executive Officer, PNWER, Washington State  
 00:50:57 Sen. Brown  
 00:51:07 Mr. Morrison, PNWER  
 00:51:10 Sen. Brown  
 00:51:35 Mr. Morrison, PNWER  
 00:56:09 Sen. Brown  
 00:56:46 Mr. Morrison, PNWER  
 00:56:10 Sen. Brown  
 00:56:54 Mr. Morrison, PNWER  
 00:57:03 Alana DeLong, Legislator, PNWER, Alberta, CANADA  
 01:00:05 Mr. Morrison, PNWER  
 01:00:20 Sen. Brown  
 01:00:39 Sen. Alan Olson, SD 23  
 01:00:41 Sen. Brown  
 01:00:52 Sen. Olson  
 01:02:02 Rep. Keith Regier, HD 5  
 01:02:16 Sen. Olson  
 01:02:18 Mr. Stewart, PNWER  
 01:10:56 Mr. Morrison, PNWER  
 01:19:33 Sen. Cliff Larsen, SD 50  
 01:20:48 Rep. Regier  
 01:22:17 Mr. Morrison, PNWER  
 01:22:35 Ms. DeLong, PNWER  
 01:45:21 David Kettles, Director, PNWER Canada-U.S. Relations  
 01:45:57 Mr. Morrison, PNWER

01:46:10 Recessed  
 01:59:08 Reconvened with House Natural Resources Committee Meeting

02:00:23 Chair J. Bennett

**HEARING ON HB 146****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:02:33 Rep. Kris Hansen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 146, Generally revise laws related to solid waste licenses and fees.

**EXHIBIT(nah06a02)**

02:03:10 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:03:11 Rep. Hansen  
 02:04:12 Chair J. Bennett

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:04:16 Clay Vincent, Sanitarian and Planner, Hill County Health and Planning

**EXHIBIT(nah06a03)**

02:22:37 Chair J. Bennett

02:22:50 Kathy Bessette, retired Hill County Commissioner, Unified Disposal Board; Hill County taxpayer

02:25:38 Chair Bennett

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:25:53 Ed Thamke, Bureau Chief, Waste and Underground Tank Management, Department of Environmental (DEQ)

02:30:57 Chair J. Bennett

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

02:31:18 Rep. Doane

02:31:23 Chair J. Bennett

02:31:26 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:31:28 Rep. Doane

02:31:26 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:31:47 Rep. Doane

02:32:05 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:33:03 Rep. Doane

02:33:07 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:33:16 Chair J. Bennett

02:33:16 Rep. Connell

02:33:23 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:33:25 Rep. Connell

02:34:08 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:34:29 Rep. Connell

02:34:57 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:35:58 Rep. Connell

02:36:44 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:38:00 Rep. Connell

02:38:02 Rep. Williams

02:38:21 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:38:41 Chair J. Bennett

02:38:50 Rep. Warburton

02:39:13 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:39:14 Chair J. Bennett

02:39:18 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:39:35 Rep. Warburton

02:39:41 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:40:07 Rep. Warburton

02:40:09 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:40:11 Chair J. Bennett

02:40:46 Rep. Warburton

02:40:48 Mr. Thamke, DEQ

02:41:21 Rep. Warburton

02:41:23 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:41:30 Mr. Thamke, DEQ  
 02:42:05 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:41:34 Mr. Thamke, DEQ  
 02:41:37 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:41:40 Mr. Thamke, DEQ  
 02:41:45 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:41:54 Mr. Thamke, DEQ  
 02:41:56 Chair J. Bennet  
 02:42:08 Mr. Thamke, DEQ  
 02:42:13 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:42:31 Mr. Thamke, DEQ  
 02:43:10 Chair J. Bennet  
 02:43:25 Mr. Vincent, Hill Co.  
 02:44:30 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:44:38 Rep. Hoven  
 02:44:57 Mr. Vincent, Hill Co.  
 02:45:14 Rep. Hoven  
 02:45:17 Chair J. Bennett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:45:22 Rep. Kris Hansen  
 02:48:06 Chair J. Bennett

**HEARING ON HB 59****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:48:36 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 59, Revise title of governor's drought advisory committee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:50:59 Tim Davis, Water Resources Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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

02:52:39 Rep. Lieser  
 02:53:00 Mr. Davis, DNRC  
 02:53:26 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:53:31 Rep. Hoven  
 02:53:38 Mr. Davis, DNRC  
 02:53:56 Chair J. Bennett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:54:07 Rep. Ryan Lynch  
 02:54:30 Chair J. Bennett  
 02:54:54 Rep. Pomnichowski

02:54:56 Chair J. Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:55:20

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Colleen Dever, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah06aad.pdf](#))**