

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on February 13, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

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. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Rebecca Shaw, 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: HB 388, 2/5/2013, HB 392, 2/6/2013, HJ 10, 2/6/2013

00:10:30 Chair Bennett

HEARING ON HB 388

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:05 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 388, Revise wood products revolving loan fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:20 Julia Altemus, Executive Vice Presiden, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

00:19:03 Keith Olson, Executive Director, Montana Logging Association

00:20:15 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Treasure State Resources Industry Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:21:11 Andy Poole, Department of Commerce (COM)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:29 Rep. Lieser

00:21:55 Julia Altemus, MWPA

00:22:17 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:23:45 Andy Poole, COM

00:24:48 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:25:39 Rep. Cuffe

00:26:10 Andy Poole, COM

00:27:18 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:27:43 Rep. Cuffe

00:28:39 Rep. Miller

00:28:45 Andy Poole, COM

00:29:12 Rep. Miller

00:29:17 Andy Poole, COM

00:29:55 Rep. Miller

00:30:00 Andy Poole, COM

[EXHIBIT\(nah32a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah32a02\)](#)

00:30:46 Rep. Lynch

00:30:51 Andy Poole, COM

00:31:52 Rep. Court

00:32:14 Andy Poole, COM

00:33:01 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:33:13 Julia Altemus, MWPA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:04 Rep. Cuffe

[EXHIBIT\(nah32a03\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 392

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:45 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 392, Allowing excavation/sale of fossils at Makoshika State Park to benefit the park.

[EXHIBIT\(nah32a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:29 Justin Sakalis, Legislative Intern, Montana Audubon

00:41:46 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance

Informational Testimony:

00:45:37 Charles (Chaz) Van Genderen, Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(nah32a05\)](#)

00:46:23 Mark Baumler, Historic Preservation Program Manager, Montana Historic Society

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:20 Rep. Connell

00:49:37 Chaz Van Genderen, FWP

00:50:08 Rep. Court

00:50:38 Chaz Van Genderen, FWP

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00:51:39 Rep. Court

00:52:04 Rep. Lieser

00:52:11 Rep. Doane

00:53:52 Rep. Lynch

00:54:10 Chaz Van Genderen, FWP

00:56:09 Rep. Shaw

00:56:19 Rep. Doane

00:59:07 Rep. White

00:59:57 Chaz Van Genderen, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:05 Rep. Doane

01:04:23 Recessed

01:10:59 Reconvened

01:11:05 Chair Bennett

HEARING ON HJ 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:51 Rep. Douglas Coffin (D), HD 93, opened the hearing on HJ 10, Resolution to support climate change as scientifically valid.

EXHIBIT(nah32a06)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:47 Harold Hoem, Citizen, Missoula
01:24:29 Jay Mennenga, Citizen, Red Lodge
01:28:07 Claudia Narcisco, Montana Chapter, Sierra Club
01:31:46 Jan Hoem, Citizen, Missoula
01:34:51 Topher Williams, Montana Conservation Voters
01:36:55 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon
01:40:01 Arlo Skari, Citizen, Chester
01:45:36 Kristin Walser, Citizen, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(nah32a07)

01:51:11 Nancy Cochran, Citizen, Missoula
01:55:38 Wade Sikorski, Citizen, Willard
01:58:57 Duane Catlett, Citizen, Clancy
02:02:21 Harper Kaufman, Citizen, Missoula
02:04:27 Sam Thompson, Intern, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
02:06:17 Christian Labar, Citizen, Missoula
02:08:56 Anne Hedges, Program Director, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony:

02:11:03 Mark Lambrecht, Executive Director, Treasure State Resources
02:12:02 Tom Hopgood, Executive Director, Montana Mining Association
02:14:54 Edwin Berry, PhD, Atmospheric Physicist

EXHIBIT(nah32a08)

02:35:31 Tim Ravndal, Citizen, Helena

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:37:41 Rep. Williams
02:40:01 Dr. Edwin Berry

Closing by Sponsor:

02:40:12 Rep. Coffin

02:43:16 Chair Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

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Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah32aad.pdf](#))