MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Walter McNutt, on January 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol. The Secretary noted the roll.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. JP Pominchowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, 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:
Executive Action: Committee Bill; HB 130; HB 93; HB 151; HB 16; HB 20; HB 73; HB 107; HB 144; HB 37
HEARING ON HB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:40 Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 94, Revise underground storage tank penalty factors.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:45 John Arrigo, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT (nah13a01)

00:15:50 Ronna Alexander, Petroleum Marketers Convenience Stores Association

00:17:40 Don Allen, Western Environment Trade Association (WETA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:59 Rep. Small-Eastman
00:20:58 Mr. Arrigo
00:23:39 Bill Rule DEQ
00:26:26 Rep. Heinert
00:27:16 Rep. Van Dyk
00:27:50 Rep. Ankney
00:28:12 Rep. Van Dyk
00:29:29 Rep. Barrett
00:29:54 Rep. Van Dyk
00:31:41 Mr. Arrigo

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:08 Rep. Van Dyk

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:55 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 119, Revise water quality laws.
Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:36 Bonnie Lovelace DEQ
EXHIBIT(nah13a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:09 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives
00:57:07 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)
01:04:57 John Fitzpatrick, NorthWestern Energy
01:07:17 Debbie Shea, Montana Mining Association
EXHIBIT(nah13a03)
01:09:53 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association
EXHIBIT(nah13a04)
01:15:37 Tom Ebzery, Attorney, Nance Petroleum, Billings
EXHIBIT(nah13a05)
01:18:38 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
01:19:48 Glenn Oppel, Montana Realtors Association
01:20:20 Mark Lambrecht, Pacific Power & Light
EXHIBIT(nah13a06)
01:22:35 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Contractors' Association
01:23:52 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
01:26:11 Ed Bartlett, Golden Sunlight Mines
01:27:43 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
01:28:27 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use Association

Informational Testimony:

01:32:06 Sarah Carlson, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:23 Rep. Vincent
01:34:01 Mr. Fitzpatrick
01:35:15 Rep. Erickson
01:35:46 Mr. Stewart
01:37:13 Rep. Erickson
01:37:52 Ms. Lovelace
01:40:53 Rep. Dickenson
01:41:33 Mr. Lambrecht
01:45:35 Rep. Van Dyk
01:47:26 Ms. Lovelace
01:50:42 Rep. Small-Eastman
01:51:51 Ms. Lovelace
01:58:28 Rep. Mendenhall
02:00:32 Ms. Lovelace
02:02:21 Rep. McNutt
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON COMMITTEE BILL

02:23:48 Rep. Mendenhall gave a report on a Subcommittee Meeting held on 1/17/2007 to discuss repealing water adjudication fees.

02:24:50 Motion: Rep. Mendenhall moved that the Natural Resources Committee Sponsor a Committee Bill repealing water adjudication fees.

EXHIBIT(nahl3a07)

02:26:03 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 130, HB 93, HB 151, HB 16

02:35:32 Motion: Rep. Mendenhall moved that HB 130, 93, 151, and 16 BE TABLED.

Discussion

02:35:56 Rep. Ross
02:36:16 Rep. McNutt
02:36:33 Rep. Cohenour
02:37:32 Rep. Heinert
02:37:38 Rep. Mendenhall withdrew his Motion
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 130

02:37:44 Motion/Vote: Rep. Mendenhall moved that HB 130 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 93

02:38:12 Motion/Vote: Rep. Mendenhall moved that HB 93 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 151


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 16


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20

02:40:45 Motion/Vote: Rep. Mendenhall moved that HB 20 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73

02:41:31 Motion: Rep. Erickson moved that HB 73 DO PASS.

Discussion

02:42:01 Rep. Cohenour


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 107

Motion: Rep. Van Dyk moved that HB 107 DO PASS.

Discussion

Rep. Cohenour
Rep. Mendenhall


Motion/Vote: Rep. Erickson moved that HB 107 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 144

Motion: Rep. Erickson moved that HB 144 DO PASS.

Discussion

Rep. Barrett
Rep. Dickenson
Rep. Ankney
Rep. McNutt
Rep. Lambert
Rep. Erickson
Rep. Mendenhall
Rep. Heinert


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 37

Motion: Rep. Small-Eastman moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION TO TABLE on HB 37.
Discussion
02:58:41 Rep. Small-Eastman
03:01:16 Rep. Ross

03:02:04  **Vote:** Motion carried 11-5 by roll call vote. Reps. Ankney, Barrett, Hendrick, Lambert, and Mendenhall voted no. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.
03:03:41  **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 37 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT** (nah13a08)

Discussion
03:04:34 Rep. Ross
03:05:07 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers' Association
03:05:35 Rep. Barrett
03:06:34 Rep. Dickenson
03:08:09 Rep. Lambert
03:09:45 Rep. Vincent
03:10:09 Mr. Bodner
03:10:50 Rep. Cohenour
03:11:19 Kevin Chappell, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation
03:12:00 Rep. Cohenour
03:12:58 Rep. Ankney
03:13:15 Mr. Chappell
03:14:38 Rep. Cohenour
03:15:30 Rep. Mendenhall
03:16:31 Rep. Lambert

ADJOURNMENT

03:18:59 Adjournment: 6:22 P.M.

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REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT (nahl3aad.pdf)