

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 28, 1985

The meeting of the Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Dennis Iverson at 3:15 p.m. in Room 312-1 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: All members were present except Rep. Garcia, who was excused.

HOUSE BILL 396: Rep. Gary Spaeth introduced HB 396, which he sponsored at the request of the Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation. Rep. Spaeth said that under current Montana water law, there is no definition of speculation in reference to water use applications. He said the legislature should determine what constitutes a speculative application for water use, and clearly define speculation. He said speculative applications tie up the state's water allocation process, and should be avoided.

Larry Fasbender, director of DNRC, supported HB 396, saying the measure would clarify the means by which DNRC could reject an application for water allocation by determining whether the application was speculative.

Dave Donaldson of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts said that group supports HB 396.

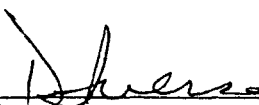
No opponents spoke against HB 396.

Rep. Ream asked if the issue of speculative applications had been considered by the select committee on water marketing. Rep. Iverson said that some provisions on speculative applications would be a part of the proposed water marketing bill, and recommended that the committee hold action on HB 396 until the water marketing bill is introduced. The committee agreed to delay further action.

Rep. Spaeth closed by saying that the provisions of HB 396 are necessary, and should be adopted whether the water marketing bill is approved or rejected by the House.

HOUSE BILL 158: Rep. Raney moved Do Not Pass on HB 158 (discussed in committee 1/25/85). Rep. Harp substituted a motion to table HB 158, which was unanimously carried.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

  
DENNIS IVERSON, Chairman

# DAILY ROLL CALL

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
IVERSON, Dennis (Chairman)	X		
KADAS, Mike (Vice-Chairman)	X		
ADDY, Kelly	X		
ASAY, Tom	X		
COBB, John	X		
DRISCOLL, Jerry	X		
GARCIA, Rodney			✓
GRADY, Edward	X		
HARP, John	X		
JONES, Tom	X		
KRUEGER, Kurt	X		
MILES, Joan	X		
MOORE, Janet	X		
O'HARA, Jesse	X		
PETERSON, Mary Lou	X		
RANEY, Bob	X		
REAM, Bob	X		
SMITH, Clyde	X		

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SPONSOR      GARY SPAETH

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