

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN LORENTS GROSFIELD, on April 9, 1997,  
at 4:00 PM, in Room 405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Lorents Grosfield, Chairman (R)  
Sen. William S. Crismore, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Vivian M. Brooke (D)  
Sen. Mack Cole (R)  
Sen. Thomas F. Keating (R)  
Sen. Dale Mahlum (R)  
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Ken Miller (R)  
Sen. Mike Taylor (R)  
Sen. Fred R. Van Valkenburg (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Larry Mitchell, Legislative Services Division  
Gayle Hayley, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:  
Executive Action: HB551, HB607

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB551

Amendments: None

Motion: SEN. KEATING MOVED HB551 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 607

Motion: SEN. KEATING MOVED HB607 TO BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:** The amendments to HB607, hb060701.alm, were handed out and are attached as (EXHIBIT 1). **CHAIRMAN GROSFIELD** explained that No. 1 and No. 3 were requested by **REP. GRINDE**. He requested No. 4, and No. 2 was requested by **Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association**.

**Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association**, explained briefly amendment No. 2. He said the amendment was submitted from one of the members of the association. It was basically a clarification to make sure an accurate description was present, which would help the underwriting of the title process to identify the process. **Mr. Doggett** said he had talked to **Jeff Hagener, DNRC**, about this amendment, as well as with the Stockgrowers, and realtors, and no one seemed to have a problem with it.

**SEN. THOMAS KEATING** had a question on amendment No. 4. As he read that sentence, it says, "the department may attach conditions to a historic right-of-way deed necessary to ensure compliance with the law." That made sense to him but when you say "to ensure compliance with this title," he did not know what that meant.

**CHAIRMAN GROSFIELD** replied that referred to the codification instructions, Title 77, Chapter 1, part 1.

**SEN. KEATING** asked why not use the word, "chapter."

**CHAIRMAN GROSFIELD** asked **Jeff Hagener** if it mattered if the language in the amendment said title or chapter.

**Jeff Hagener, DNRC**, replied that "chapter" would be the more proper term.

**CHAIRMAN GROSFIELD** said to change amendment No. 4 to insert: "this chapter" instead of "this title."

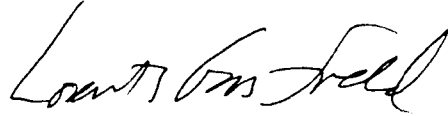
**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. KEATING MOVED TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT NO. 4 OF hb060601.alm to "chapter." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. KEATING MOVED HB607 AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CHAIRMAN GROSFIELD** closed the hearing at 4:17.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:07 PM



SEN. LORENTS GROSFIELD, Chairman



GAYLE HAYLEY, Secretary

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