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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Debby Barrett, on January 21, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Debby Barrett, Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, 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: SB 35, 1/11/2011; SB 86, 1/11/2011

HEARING ON SB 35

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:32 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 35, Revise laws related to navigable river beds.

EXHIBIT(nas16a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:25 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

EXHIBIT(nas16a02)

00:15:20 Chuck Willey, self

00:20:06 Walt Sales, self

00:26:57 Dan Freeman, self

00:28:23 Robert Hansen, President, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:29:13 Ronda Johnston, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:30:22 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association (MWRA)

00:31:47 John Youngberg, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

00:33:50 Alan Wright, Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party

00:34:28 Jay Bodner, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)

00:36:21 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:36:48 Lorents Grosfield, self

00:37:32 Aeris Reilly, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:38:05 Leo Berry, lobbyist, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:39 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(nas16a03)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:25 Sen. Brenden

00:54:06 Mary Sexton, DNRC

00:54:53 Sen. Hinkle

00:55:15 Mary Sexton

00:55:48 Sen. Hinkle

00:56:01 Chuck Willey

00:57:53 Sen. Larsen

00:58:27 Chuck Willey

01:00:03 Sen. Kaufmann

01:00:40 Mary Sexton

01:03:47 Sen. Kaufmann

01:04:06 Sen. Hamlett

01:05:21 Sen. Keane
 01:05:34 Sen. Hamlett
 01:06:32 Sen. Barrett
 01:06:59 Mary Sexton
 01:08:21 Chuck Willey
 01:11:25 Sen. Keane
 01:11:45 Mary Sexton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:28 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:17:37 Sen. Bob Hawks (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 86, Disclosure of fracturing fluid for oil and gas wells.

EXHIBIT(nas16a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:21 Cindy Webber, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT(nas16a05)

01:32:47 Paul Hawks, self
 01:34:49 Sharon Sweeney Fee, self
 01:37:18 Kate French, chair, Sleeping Giant Citizens' Council
 01:38:56 Derf Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
 01:41:27 Kerry Fee, Executive Director, Park County Environmental Council (PCEC)
 01:43:04 Julia Page, Bear Creek Council
 01:44:37 Charyn Ayoub, self
 01:47:34 Patrick Dougherty, Bear Creek Council
 01:48:51 Jennifer Goldman, Director of Public Health and Toxic Campaign, Earthworks' Oil & Gas Accountability Project

EXHIBIT(nas16a06)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:50:48 Dave Galt, lobbyist, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

EXHIBIT(nas16a07)

01:57:04 Bruce Williams, lobbyist, Fidelity Exploration & Production Company
 02:01:02 Doug Lair, Western Tradition Partnership
 02:05:04 Lorents Grosfield, self

EXHIBIT(nas16a08)

02:16:26 Austin Knudsen, self
 02:18:15 Bob Gilbert, self
 02:20:01 Willie Duffield, lobbyist, Montana Association of Oil, Gas & Coal Counties (MAOGCC)

Informational Testimony:

02:22:20 Tom Richmond, Administrator, Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:22 Sen. Kaufmann
02:28:47 Dave Galt, MPA
02:29:57 Sen. Kaufmann
02:30:24 Paul Hawks
02:32:12 Sen. Larsen
02:32:40 Bruce Williams
02:35:33 Sen. Steinbeisser
02:36:22 Kerry Fee, PCEC
02:37:13 Becca Fischer, staffer, Northern Plains Resource Council
02:37:56 Sen. Brenden
02:38:18 Tom Richmond, DNRC
02:43:14 Sen. Keane
02:43:36 Tom Richmond
02:45:32 Sen. Barrett
02:45:42 Tom Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

02:47:15 Sen. Hawks

ADJOURNMENT

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02:53:31

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas16aad.pdf](#))