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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Debby Barrett, on February 9, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 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. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Peterson (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 267, 2/4/2011; SB 263, 2/4/2011

HEARING ON SB 267

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 267, Revise laws related to total maximum daily load development.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:02 Mark Bostrom, Water Quality Planning Bureau Chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT(nas32a01)

00:15:00 John Youngberg, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Chairman, Montana Statewide TMDL Advisory Group

EXHIBIT(nas32a02)

00:16:51 Patrick Heffernan, lobbyist, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

00:17:56 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservative Districts (MACD)

00:18:36 Mike Murphy, lobbyist, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:10 Beth Kaeding, Northern Plains Resource Council

EXHIBIT(nas32a03)

00:22:18 Jim Jensen, Executive Director, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:30:12 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:47 Sen. Hinkle

00:32:13 Mr. Jensen, MEIC

00:32:30 Sen. Wanzenried

00:32:58 Mr. Bostrom, DEQ

00:35:47 Sen. Wanzenried

00:35:57 Without objection, George Mathieus, Planning, Prevention & Assistance Bureau Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:38:05 Sen. Brenden

00:38:25 Mr. Bostrom

00:40:57 Sen. Hamlett

00:42:00 Mr. Bostrom

00:42:55 Sen. Tropila

00:43:08 Mr. Bostrom

00:43:55 Sen. Tropila

00:44:18 Mr. Jensen

00:46:44 Sen. Barrett

00:46:57 Sen. Vincent

00:47:10 Mr. Mathieus, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:12 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:54 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 263, Provide for minimum instream flow for certain fisheries.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:34 Joe Gutkoski, President, Montana River Action

01:01:38 Stephen Hunts, Gallatin Wildlife Association (GWA)

EXHIBIT(nas32a04)

01:05:22 Robin Cunningham, Executive Director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

01:06:16 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:06:50 Abigail St. Lawrence, lobbyist, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

01:09:04 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI) and Senior Water Rights Coalition

01:10:52 Mike Murphy, lobbyist, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

01:11:31 John Youngberg, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

01:12:41 Lezlie Kinne, Willow Creek Water Storage Project

01:13:59 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Informational Testimony:

01:15:05 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:56 Sen. Jackson

01:21:51 Mr. Lane, FWP

01:25:26 Sen. Hinkle

01:26:27 Mr. Lane

01:30:37 Sen. Keane

01:30:51 Mr. Lane

01:33:05 Sen. Hamlett

01:33:48 Sen. Facey

01:34:26 Sen. Hamlett

01:34:46 Mr. Lane

01:38:44 Sen. Barrett

01:39:26 Mr. Lane

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:16 Sen. Facey

ADJOURNMENT

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01:41:30

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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