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

Call to Order: Chair Debby Barrett, on February 14, 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. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (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 299, 2/10/2011

Executive Action : SB 263 - Tabled

HEARING ON SB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 299, Clarify taxation and ownership river channel changed by evulsion.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:32 Chris Christiaens, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:15 Prof. Chuck Willey, self

00:08:06 Tom Schultz, Trust Land Management Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:12 Sen. Jackson
00:11:39 Mr. Schultz, DNRC
00:13:15 Sen. Tropila
00:13:41 Sen. Hamlett
00:15:11 Sen. Tropila
00:15:32 Mr. Schultz
00:17:04 Sen. Barrett
00:17:23 Sen. Hamlett
00:18:34 Sen. Barrett
00:18:42 Mr. Willey
00:20:23 Sen. Brenden
00:20:39 Mr. Willey
00:21:18 Sen. Jackson
00:21:54 Mr. Willey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:34 Sen. Hamlett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 263

00:24:47 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 263 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:25:28 Sen. Brenden
00:26:11 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:26:26 Sen. Hinkle
00:26:46 Sen. Tropila
00:27:14 Sen. Brenden
00:27:20 Sen. Larsen joined the meeting
00:28:27 Sen. Barrett
00:28:52 Sen. Hamlett
00:29:29 Sen. Wanzenried
00:29:41 Sen. Jackson
00:29:58 Sen. Hamlett

00:30:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-13 by voice vote with Sen. Kaufmann voting aye. Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy.

00:31:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 263 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion passed 10-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Sen. Kaufmann voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

00:33:25

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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