

## **MINUTES**

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Debby Barrett, on March 25, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Debby Barrett, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Greg Hinkle, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
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 416, 3/22/2011

Executive Action: SB 416 - Tabled

**HEARING ON SB 416**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:31 Sen. Carol Williams (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 416, Restoring the balance and protections under the MT Environmental Policy Act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:09:02 Janet Ellis, lobbyist, Montana Audubon

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00:11:22 Rich Day, Vice-Chairperson, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:15:19 Clayton Elliott, lobbyist, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:19:33 Kyla Wiens, lobbyist, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:22:13 Zach Porter, All Against the Haul

00:26:35 Erin McGowan-Fincham, lobbyist, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

00:27:12 Carla Green, self

00:28:39 Philippa Hobbs, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:29:08 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:30:57 Steve Wade, lobbyist, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

00:33:30 Don Allen, lobbyist, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

00:34:21 Sen. Wanzienried left the hearing.

00:38:17 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

00:43:33 Patrick Heffernan, Executive Director, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

00:47:51 Spook Stang, lobbyist, Montana Motor Carriers Association (MMCA)

00:50:14 Jason Todhunter, lobbyist, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:51:44 Tom Ellerhoff, Science Program Manager, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:52:18 Sen. Walker

00:53:16 Sen. Williams

00:55:37 Sen. Jackson

00:55:54 Sen. Williams

00:56:32 Sen. Tropila

00:57:08 Mr. Stang, MMCA

00:57:56 Sen. Tropila

00:58:28 Mr. Todhunter, MLA

00:58:53 Sen. Steinbeisser

00:59:10 Mr. Galt, MPA

00:59:43 Sen. Barrett

01:00:31 Mr. Clinch, MCC  
01:02:40 Sen. Barrett  
01:03:13 Mr. Galt  
01:04:42 Sen. Barrett  
01:04:54 Sen. Williams

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:08:29 Sen. Williams

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 416**

01:13:39 Sen. Hinkle joined the hearing.

01:14:02 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **SB 416 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:14:20 Sen. Tropila  
01:15:14 Sen. Barrett  
01:16:06 Sen. Keane  
01:17:14 Sen. Walker

01:17:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-9 by voice vote with Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Brenden, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Wanzenried voted by proxy.

01:18:41 **Motion:** Sen. Tropila moved that **SB 416 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Kevin McCue, Secretary

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