

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on February 8, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Rebecca Shaw, Committee Secretary

**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:**

Executive Action: HJ8

00:08:44 Bill Schultz, Staff Director, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a02\)](#)

00:24:38 Rep. Connell  
00:26:29 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:27:01 Bill Schultz, RWRCC  
00:27:40 Rep. Pomnichowski  
00:28:15 Bill Schultz, RWRCC  
00:28:45 Rep. Hoven  
00:29:23 Bill Schultz, RWRCC

00:32:03 Recessed  
00:40:01 Reconvened

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 8

00:40:51 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HJ 8 DO PASS.**

00:41:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Court moved that **HJ 8 BE TABLED.** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Court, Rep. Eck, Rep. Hoven, Rep. Lieser, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Miller, Rep. Pomnichowski and Rep. Williams voting aye. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

00:43:07 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **HJ 8 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a03\)](#)

#### Discussion:

00:43:27 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:44:25 Rep. White  
00:46:06 Rep. Lynch  
00:46:19 Rep. White  
00:46:57 Rep. Doane  
00:47:33 Rep. White  
00:48:09 Rep. Lieser  
00:48:48 Chair Bennett  
00:50:04 Rep. Williams  
00:50:35 Rep. Miller

00:50:50 **Vote:** Motion that **HJ 8 BE AMENDED** carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Court, Rep. Doane, Rep. Eck, Rep. Lieser, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Pomnichowski and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

00:52:07 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **HJ 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

#### Discussion:

00:52:18 Rep. Lieser  
00:58:11 Rep. Eck  
01:01:21 Rep. Miller  
01:01:56 Rep. Court

- 01:08:48 **Vote:** Motion that **HJ 8 DO PASS AS AMENDED** failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bennett, Rep. Connell, Rep. Doane, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Galt, Rep. Shaw, Rep. Warburton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.
- 01:09:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Connell moved that **HJ 8 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.
- 01:10:48 Chair Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:11:32

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Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah28aad.pdf](#))**