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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 14, 2013 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Kulawik, 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 92, 1/9/2013; SB 76, 1/9/2013

HEARING ON SB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:07 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 92, Revise strip and underground mining laws.

[EXHIBIT\(nas06a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:17 Chris Yde, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(nas06a02\)](#)

01:02:00 Sen. Tropila entered the hearing.

01:03:54 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:57 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

01:09:17 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:42 Sen. Brenden

01:11:21 Clayton Elliott, NPRC

01:12:00 Sen. Ripley

01:13:19 Clayton Elliott

01:13:45 Sen. Hamlett

01:14:24 Sen. Olson

01:14:39 Chris Yde, DEQ

01:15:04 Sen. Keane

01:15:22 Sen. Olson

01:15:57 Sen. Tropila

01:18:01 Sen. Olson

01:18:52 Chris Yde

01:19:18 Chairman Vincent

01:22:08 Chris Yde

01:22:25 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:36 Sen. Olson

01:23:24 Chairman Vincent turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair John Brenden.

HEARING ON SB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:26 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 76, Require permits for cooling water intake structures.

[EXHIBIT\(nas06a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:26:44 Paul Skubinna, Acting Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

01:28:09 John Alke, Attorney, Hughes, Kellner, Sullivan and Alke Law Firm

01:28:52 David Hoffman, Director of External Affairs, PPL Montana

01:29:06 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:44 Sen. Fielder

01:30:04 David Hoffman, PPL Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:56 Sen. Vincent

01:31:38 Chairman Vincent resumed responsibility as Chair.

Committee Business:

01:32:05 Chairman Vincent

01:33:00 Sen. Keane

01:33:05 Chairman Vincent

01:33:15 Sen. Larsen

01:33:31 Chairman Vincent

01:34:40 Sen. Keane

01:34:44 Chairman Vincent

01:34:48 Sen. Phillips

01:35:06 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:35:20 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:06 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Document

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