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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 21, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (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. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent:

Sen. Edward Walker (R)

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 144, 1/17/2013

HEARING ON SB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:48 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 144, Generally revise noxious weed trust fund laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:20 John Moodry, Weed Control Coordinator, Butte-Silver Bow (BSB)
00:33:52 David Schulz, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:35:38 Shelby DeMars, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
00:36:37 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:37:37 Celestine Duncan, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
00:38:28 Jerry Marks, Extension Office, Weed District-Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:39:44 Greg Ames, Administrator, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:44 Sen. Brenden
00:41:00 Nicole Rolfe, MFBF
00:41:07 Sen. Ripley
00:42:27 Greg Ames, MDA
00:42:35 Sen. Kaufmann
00:42:52 Greg Ames
00:42:55 Sen. Jackson
00:44:43 Greg Ames
00:45:09 Sen. Keane
00:45:52 Sen. Sesso
00:47:55 Sen. Keane
00:49:30 Greg Ames
00:49:36 Sen. Larsen
00:50:20 John Moodry, BSB
00:52:17 Sen. Phillips
00:52:32 Greg Ames
00:52:41 Sen. Phillips
00:53:15 Sen. Sesso
00:53:25 Sen. Barrett
00:55:00 Greg Ames
00:55:30 Sen. Tropila
00:56:57 Greg Ames
00:59:22 Sen. Ripley
00:59:42 Greg Ames
01:00:40 Sen. Brenden

01:01:09 John Moodry
01:01:22 Sen. Hamlett
01:01:52 David Schulz, MACo
01:03:53 Chairman Vincent
01:05:05 Greg Ames

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:22 Sen. Sesso

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:43 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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