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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 6, 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. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

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 217, 2/1/2013; SB 229, 2/1/2013

HEARING ON SB 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:32 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 217, Revise laws governing watershed protection.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:38 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Conservation Districts (MCD)
00:34:09 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:36:32 Don Clark, Superintendent, City of Helena Waste Water Treatment (CHWWT)
00:38:18 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI) and Senior Water Rights Coalition (SWRC)
00:38:51 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:39:41 Paul Fielder, self
00:40:39 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products (MWP)
00:41:51 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:42:11 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:43:08 Bob Harrington, Administrator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:51 Sen. Barrett
00:44:00 Bob Harrington, DNRC
00:44:49 Sen. Kaufmann
00:45:31 Bob Harrington
00:45:57 Sen. Ripley
00:46:07 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:42 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 229

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:48 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 229, Revise open-cut mining laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:24 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners (LCCC)

00:53:48 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:54:22 Tom Hopgood, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:13 Ed Coleman, Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:59:19 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon (MA)

EXHIBIT(nas26a01)

01:01:47 Jean Riley, self

01:03:49 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

01:05:37 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

01:09:29 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:02 Sen. Brenden

01:12:23 Ed Coleman, DEQ

01:12:56 Sen. Keane

01:15:33 Maureen Connor, MACo

01:17:44 Sen. Keane

01:17:55 Steve Wade, MCA

01:19:03 Sen. Ripley

01:20:43 Ed Coleman

EXHIBIT(nas26a02)

01:21:28 Sen. Barrett

01:24:46 Ed Coleman

01:25:27 Maureen Connor

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:28 Sen. Hamlett

Committee Business:

01:30:35 Chairman Vincent

01:30:53 Sen. Larsen

01:31:15 Sen. Kaufmann

01:31:46 Chairman Vincent

01:31:51 Sen. Hamlett

01:32:20 Chairman Vincent

01:32:30 Sen. Ripley

01:32:45 Sen. Kaufmann

01:33:12 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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