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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 11, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317-A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
- Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
- Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
- Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
- Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
- Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
- Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
- Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)

Members Excused:

- Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
- Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
- Sen. Jim Keane (D)
- Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
- 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 234, 2/7/2013

HEARING ON SB 234**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:28 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 234, Provisional permits for gravel pits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:53 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:35:14 John Ostlund, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and Yellowstone County Commissioners (YCC)
00:36:34 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner (FCC)
00:38:21 Richard Dunbar, Phillips County Commissioner (PCC)
00:39:20 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner (PCC)
00:40:01 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
00:41:54 Jean Mikkelson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:445 Ed Coleman, Bureau Chief of Open Cut Program, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:46:08 Jean Riley, self
00:47:51 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:53:42 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:28 Sen. Hamlett
00:55:10 John Ostlund, MACo and YCC
00:55:45 Sen. Rosendale
00:56:28 Sen. Peterson
00:58:11 Sen. Kaufmann
00:59:17 Sen. Peterson
00:59:35 Sen. Kaufmann
00:59:59 Anne Hedges, MEIC
01:00:53 Sen. Hamlett
01:01:34 Sen. Peterson
01:02:05 Sen. Keane
01:03:43 Steve Wade, MCA
01:04:02 Chairman Vincent
01:04:48 Sen. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:13 Sen. Peterson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:49 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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