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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 18, 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. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (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: HB 513, 3/11/2013; HB 547, 3/11/2013

HEARING ON HB 513

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:48 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 513, Exempt
oversize load permits from the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:48 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
[EXHIBIT\(nas58a01\)](#)

00:22:05 Barry "Spook" Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)
[EXHIBIT\(nas58a02\)](#)

00:25:25 Lee Dybdal, Poteet Construction of Missoula (PCM)
00:26:03 Jolene Bach, Great Falls Development Authority (GFDA)
00:28:26 Chris Cavazos, Montana AFL-CIO
00:28:57 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
00:29:15 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce (GFCC)
00:30:07 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)
00:30:25 Jeff Hollenbach, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:04 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
[EXHIBIT\(nas58a03\)](#)

00:41:11 Claudia Narcisco, volunteer, Montana Chapter of Sierra Club (SC)
00:46:06 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon (MA)
[EXHIBIT\(nas58a04\)](#)

00:49:39 Suzette Dussault, self

Informational Testimony:

00:53:27 Duane Williams, Administrator, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:56 Sen. Fielder
00:55:34 Barry "Spook" Stang, MCM
00:56:05 Sen. Larsen
00:57:45 Duane Williams, MDT
00:57:53 Sen. Phillips
01:00:14 Duane Williams
01:00:36 Sen. Phillips
01:04:19 Rep. McChesney
01:04:40 Sen. Tropila
01:06:06 Duane Williams

01:06:37 Sen. Tropila
 01:07:09 Rep. McChesney
 01:08:10 Sen. Larsen
 01:11:06 Duane Williams
 01:11:47 Sen. Fielder
 01:13:05 Duane Williams
 01:13:29 Sen. Phillips
 01:14:55 Duane Williams
 01:15:29 Chairman Vincent
 01:17:41 Janet Ellis, MA
 01:18:27 Chairman Vincent
 01:20:13 Kyla Maki, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:04 Rep. McChesney

HEARING ON HB 547

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:25:08 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 547, Agency coordination of permits for large-scale projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:33 Leo Berry, Attorney, Great Northern Properties (GNP)
 01:29:28 Jessie Luther, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:31 Sen. Fielder
 01:30:46 Rep. Glimm
 01:31:23 Sen. Larsen
 01:33:33 Rep. Glimm
 01:34:16 Sen. Tropila
 01:34:35 Rep. Glimm
 01:34:49 Sen. Phillips
 01:37:15 Rep. Glimm
 01:37:52 Sen. Tropila
 01:38:56 Rep. Glimm
 01:41:22 Chairman Vincent
 01:45:53 Leo Berry, GNP
 01:46:06 Sen. Phillips
 01:46:54 Leo Berry
 01:47:45 Sen. Tropila

01:48:49 Leo Berry
01:49:35 Chairman Vincent
01:50:54 Rep. Glimm

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:10 Rep. Glimm

Committee Business:

01:51:58 Chairman Vincent
01:53:01 Sen. Tropila
01:53:03 Chairman Vincent
01:53:26 Sen. Kaufmann
01:54:03 Chairman Vincent
01:54:45 Sen. Hamlett
01:54:54 Chairman Vincent
01:56:20 Sen. Tropila
01:56:35 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:48 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas58aad.pdf](#))