

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on March 20, 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. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (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: HB 553, 3/12/2013

**HEARING ON HB 553****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:26 Rep. David Halvorson (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 553, Generally revise gravel permit permitting process. **Nadine, Sen. Rosendale presented the bill for Rep. Halvorson. Should I mention that in parentheses?**

**[EXHIBIT\(nas60a01\)](#)**

00:20:32 Sen. Kaufmann entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:44 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:22:07 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 36, Culbertson

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:24 Ed Coleman, Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:27:20 Jean Riley, self

**[EXHIBIT\(nas60a02\)](#)**

00:30:50 Jim Jensen, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:31:53 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon (MA)

00:32:53 Cary Hegreberg, Executive Director, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)

**[EXHIBIT\(nas60a03\)](#)**

00:36:07 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:07 Sen. Jackson

00:40:00 Cary Hegreberg, MCA

00:40:34 Sen. Ripley

00:41:10 Sen. Rosendale

00:41:33 Sen. Ripley

00:42:32 Ed Coleman, DEQ

00:42:50 Sen. Phillips

00:44:27 Sen. Rosendale

00:45:30 Sen. Phillips

00:46:08 Ed Coleman

00:46:29 Sen. Fielder

00:47:30 Cary Hegreberg

00:49:01 Sen. Fielder

00:50:46 Ed Coleman

00:51:38 Sen. Brenden

00:53:36 Cary Hegreberg  
00:54:51 Sen. Barrett  
00:55:17 Ed Coleman  
00:55:49 Sen. Barrett.  
00:56:12 Sen. Phillips  
00:56:57 Ed Coleman  
00:57:46 Chairman Vincent  
01:01:01 Jean Riley, self  
01:01:20 Chairman Vincent  
01:01:49 Jim Jensen, MEIC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:132 Sen. Rosendale

**Committee Business:**

01:03:54 Chairman Vincent  
01:05:29 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:06:10 Sen. Tropila  
01:07:16 Chairman Vincent  
01:07:21 Sen. Brenden  
01:07:32 Chairman Vincent

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:56 PM

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Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nas60aad.pdf](#))**