

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 25, 2013 at 4:45 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
- Sen. Bradley Hamlett (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:

- Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
- Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
- Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
- Sen. Christine Kaufmann (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 396, 3/25/2013; SB 401, 3/25/2013

02:44:52 Sen. Brenden entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 401

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:45:39 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 401, Revise disposition of metalliferous mines license tax.

[EXHIBIT\(nas64a01\)](#)

02:46:53 Sen. Kaufmann entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:51:08 Matt Vincent, Chief Executive Officer, Butte-Silver Bow County (BSBC)

02:54:46 Susan Mosness, Commissioner, Sweet Grass County Commission (SGCC)

02:55:14 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(nas64a02\)](#)

02:55:58 Tammy Johnson, Golden Sunlight Mine (GSM), Revett Minerals (RM), Tintina Resources (TR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:59:26 Sen. Ripley

02:59:36 Sen. Sesso

03:00:46 Sen. Tropila

03:01:03 Sen. Sesso

03:02:35 Sen. Keane

03:02:45 Matt Vincent, BSBC

03:05:00 Chairman Vincent

03:05:54 Sen. Sesso

03:06:16 Sen. Kaufmann

03:07:15 Sen. Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

03:10:11 Sen. Sesso

HEARING ON SB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

03:12:12 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 396, Create oil and local impact account funding.

03:12:15 Sen. Phillips left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:15:35 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

[EXHIBIT\(nas64a03\)](#)

03:19:26 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

03:19:55 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

03:22:23 E. J. Redding, Bainville Public Schools (BPS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:23:20 Sen. Ripley

03:23:24 Chairman Vincent

03:23:32 Sen. Ripley

03:23:48 Sen. Brenden

03:24:39 Chairman Vincent

03:24:55 Sen. Ripley

03:25:10 Sen. Rosendale

03:25:28 Sen. Brenden

03:26:33 Sen. Rosendale

03:28:02 E. J. Redding, BPS

03:28:35 Chairman Vincent

03:28:54 Sen. Kaufmann

03:29:24 Sen. Brenden

03:31:40 Sen. Tropila

03:31:50 Chairman Vincent

03:32:03 Sen. Keane

03:32:42 Sen. Brenden

03:33:48 Chairman Vincent

03:34:07 Gail Abercrombie, MPA

03:34:31 Chairman Vincent

03:37:37 Sen. Ripley left the hearing.

03:38:47 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

03:38:55 Sen. Brenden

Committee Business:

03:39:04 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:20 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas64aad.pdf](#))