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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on April 22, 2013 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Kulawik, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 27, 4/19/2013

Executive Action: HJ 27 - Tabled

HEARING ON HJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:08 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Study water policy.

00:20:28 Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:53 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:22:43 Michael McLane, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:25 Tim Davis, Water Resources Division Administrator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:00 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 65

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 27

00:26:22 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HJ 27 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:26:34 Sen. Fielder

00:26:54 Chairman Vincent

00:29:19 Sen. Tropila

00:29:33 Chairman Vincent

00:29:39 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:30:04 Sen. Kaufmann

00:31:20 Chairman Vincent

00:32:12 Sen. Tropila

00:32:57 Chairman Vincent

00:33:11 Sen. Tropila

00:33:24 Chairman Vincent

00:33:56 Sen. Hamlett

00:35:07 Sen. Rosendale

00:35:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-9 by roll call vote with Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Keane, Sen. Larsen and Sen. Tropila voting aye. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Jackson and Sen. Ripley voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:36:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Rosendale moved that **HJ 27 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 13-0 by voice vote. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Jackson and Sen. Ripley voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:28 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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