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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, 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 172, 1/21/2015; SB 173, 1/21/2015; SB 177, 1/21/2015

HEARING ON SB 172**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:25 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 172,
Revise laws related to oil and gas development.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:30 Seth Newton, rancher, Dawson County

00:18:09 Sen. Keane entered the hearing.

00:20:12 Carol Nash, Northern Plains Resource Council

00:22:23 Susann Beug, land owner

00:25:09 Deborah Hanson, Custer County

00:28:03 Hertha Lund, Lund Law Firm

00:29:21 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:30:22 Lana Sangmeister, land owner

00:31:01 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:31:23 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:31:48 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:46:12 Gary McDermott, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association

00:46:29 Patrick Montalban, Domestic Energy Producers Alliance and the National
Stripper Well Association

00:46:46 Rick Rice, Phoenix Energy and Miscellaneous Oil Company

00:46:59 Gus Coolidge, oil producer

00:47:34 Duane Enneberg, D & M Welding LLC

00:47:52 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Exploration and Production

00:48:12 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources

00:48:25 Bob Gilbert, Dawson, Rosebud, Musselshell and Phillips Counties

Informational Testimony:

00:49:01 Jim Halvorson, administrator, Montana Board of Oil and Gas (MBOGC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:21 Sen. Hamlett

00:49:53 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:49:58 Sen. Hamlett

00:50:11 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:50:53 Sen. Hamlett

00:51:12 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

00:51:18 Sen. Ripley

00:52:09 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 00:52:25 Sen. Ripley
 00:53:17 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 00:54:33 Sen. Ripley
 00:54:50 Sen. Stewart Peregoy
 00:55:02 Sen Ripley
 00:55:07 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
 00:55:17 Sen. Kaufmann
 00:55:55 Mr. Halvorson, MBOGC
 00:56:36 Sen. Fielder
 00:57:07 Mr. Newton, self
 00:57:46 Sen. Fielder
 00:58:15 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:33 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

HEARING ON SB 177

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:59 Sen. Mary McNally (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 177, Revise laws related to oil and gas development.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:32 Pat Mischel, Dawson County
 01:12:02 Deborah Muth, Northern Plains Resource Council and Carbon County Resource Council
 01:15:02 Bonnie Martinell, farmer
 01:17:32 Mechelle Harper, Northern Plains Resource Council
 01:18:10 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
 01:18:56 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)
 01:20:48 Jay Brown, Montana Public Interest Research Group (montPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:21:09 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
 01:23:22 Patrick Montalban, Mountain View Energy
 01:24:32 Gary McDermott, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association
 01:25:50 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Exploration and Production
 01:26:33 Jake Anderson, landowner
 01:32:02 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources
 01:32:16 Rick Rice, Phoenix Energy and Miscellaneous Oil Company
 01:32:26 Bob Gilbert, Dawson, Rosebud, Musselshell and Phillips Counties
 01:32:40 Duane Enneberg, D & M Welding
 01:32:55 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association

Informational Testimony:

01:33:07 Jim Halvorson, administrator, Montana Board of Oil and Gas (MBOGC)
01:33:26 Monte Mason, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:33:30 Sen Connell entered the hearing.

01:33:59 Sen. Ripley
01:34:41 Sen. McNally
01:35:47 Sen. Ripley
01:36:08 Sen. McNally
01:36:30 Sen. Fielder
01:36:57 Sen. McNalley
01:37:21 Sen. Fielder
01:37:42 Sen. McNally
01:38:01 Sen. Kaufmann
01:38:26 Mr. Johnson, MEIC
01:38:45 Sen. Phillips
01:39:31 Sen. McNally
01:39:41 Sen. Phillips
01:40:12 Sen. McNally
01:40:20 Sen. Keane
01:40:47 Mr. Mason, DNRC
01:40:57 Sen. Keane
01:41:34 Mr. Mason

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:56 Sen. McNally
01:44:45 recess
01:53:49 reconvened

HEARING ON SB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:53:59 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 173, Revise laws related to oil and gas development.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:59:18 Dena Hoff, landowner
02:01:20 Cindy Webber, Northern Plains Resource Council
02:03:18 Bill Hand, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC) and Stillwater Protective Association
02:06:41 Pat Mischel, Dawson County

02:07:36 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:09:40 Gary McDermott, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association

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02:12:12 Patrick Montalban, Mountain View Energy

02:16:22 Billiette Coolidge, oil producer

02:16:47 Gus Coolidge, oil producer

02:18:39 Rick Rice, Phoenix Energy and Miscellaneous Oil Company

02:19:43 Duane Enneberg, D & M Welding

02:20:31 Gary Forrester, Fidelity Exploration and Production

02:22:10 Melissa Lewis, City of Shelby

02:24:30 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

02:25:29 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources

Informational Testimony:

02:26:34 Jim Halvorson, administrator, Montana Board of Oil and Gas (MBOGC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:26:51 Sen. Keane

02:27:00 Mr. Halvorson, MBOGC

02:27:21 Sen. Keane

02:27:30 Mr. Halvorson

02:28:00 Sen. Ripley

02:28:44 Mr. Hand, NPRC

02:29:25 Sen. Ripley

02:29:33 Mr. Hand

02:29:37 Sen. Phillips

02:29:51 Mr. Halvorson

02:30:38 Sen. Phillips

02:31:00 Mr. Halvorson

02:31:46 Mr. Phillips

02:31:59 Mr. Halvorson

02:32:20 Sen. Hamlett

02:33:00 Mr. Halvorson

02:34:20 Sen. Keane

02:34:36 Chairman Vincent

02:35:06 Mr. Halvorson

02:35:21 Chairman Vincent

02:35:41 Mr. Halvorson

02:36:11 Chairman Vincent

02:36:25 Mr. Halvorson

02:37:14 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:51 Sen. Kaufmann

Committee Business

02:40:52 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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