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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 9, 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. John Brenden (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: None

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 215, 2/4/2015; SB 256, 2/4/2015; SB 268, 2/4/2015

HEARING ON SB 268

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:08 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 268, Revise laws related to storm drainage sumps.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:53 Carrie Brittain, Target Range Sewer and Water District (TRSWD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:05:49 Barb Kingery, Subdivision Section, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:09 Sen. Kaufmann
00:06:51 Ms. Kingery, DEQ
00:07:32 Sen. Fielder
00:08:00 Ms. Kingery
00:08:22 Sen. Fielder
00:08:33 Ms. Kingery
00:08:46 Sen. Ripley
00:09:00 Sonja Nowakowski, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:09:15 Sen. Keane
00:10:12 Ms. Kingery
00:11:12 Sen. Keane
00:11:30 Ms. Kingery
00:12:17 Sen. Keane
00:12:25 Ms. Kingery
00:12:30 Sen. Hoven
00:13:25 Ms. Brittain, TRSWD
00:14:34 Sen. Fielder
00:15:34 Ms. Kingery
00:16:08 Sen. Fielder
00:16:28 Ms. Kingery
00:16:49 Sen. Fielder
00:17:04 Sen. Connell
00:17:42 Ms. Kingery
00:19:15 Chairman Vincent
00:19:37 Ms. Brittain
00:19:42 Chairman Vincent
00:20:20 Ms. Kingery
00:21:26 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:18 Sen. Sands

HEARING ON SB 256

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:55 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 256, Authorize the attorney general to intervene involving timber reduction projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:14 Mark Staples, Plum Creek Timber Company

00:25:37 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:31 Sen. Connell

00:29:27 Sen. Hamlett

00:30:14 Sen. Fielder

00:30:46 John Hagengruber, US Forest Service (USFS)

00:30:58 Sen. Fielder

00:31:16 Mr. Hagengruber, USFS

00:31:35 Sen. Fielder

00:31:54 Mr. Hagengruber

00:32:27 Sen. Brenden entered the hearing.

00:32:30 Sen Fielder

00:32:43 Mr. Hagengruber

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:07 Sen Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 215

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:24 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 215, Revise public land laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:32 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity - Montana (AFP)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:54 John Tubbs, director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
 00:41:04 Clayton Elliot, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)
 00:41:53 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 00:42:25 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)
 00:43:32 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:59 Sen. Brenden
 00:44:38 Mr. Gevock, MWF
 00:44:47 Sen. Larsen
 00:45:20 Sen. Fielder
 00:45:55 Sen. Larsen
 00:46:11 Sen. Fielder
 00:46:44 Sen. Larsen
 00:47:13 Mr. Tubbs, DNRC
 00:48:37 Sen. Connell
 00:50:03 Mr. Tubbs
 00:50:34 Sen. Connell
 00:51:16 Mr. Tubbs
 00:52:19 Sen. Connell
 00:52:27 Sen. Ripley
 00:53:36 Mr. Lamb, NWF
 00:54:54 Sen. Ripley
 00:55:00 Mr. Lamb
 00:55:43 Sen. Ripley
 00:56:03 Mr. Lamb
 00:56:31 Sen. Keane
 00:56:52 Mr. Balyeat, AFP
 00:58:09 Sen. Keane
 00:58:37 Mr. Balyeat
 00:59:41 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:00:11 Mr. Tubbs
 01:01:10 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:01:57 Sen. Fielder
 01:03:32 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:03:47 Sen. Fielder
 01:04:33 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:04:52 Sen. Fielder
 01:05:46 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:06:23 Sen. Fielder
 01:07:22 Sen. Phillips
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 01:08:18 Sen. Phillips
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01:10:01 Sen. Fielder
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01:12:27 Sen. Brenden left the hearing.

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01:13:22 Sen. Fielder
01:13:31 Sen. Hamlett
01:14:13 Sen. Fielder
01:14:54 Chairman Vincent
01:16:31 Mr. Hagengruber, US Forest Service (USFS)
01:16:46 Chairman Vincent
01:17:29 Mr. Hagengruber, USFS
01:17:49 Chairman Vincent
01:19:32 Mr. Gevock
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01:22:50 Sen. Fielder
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01:23:49 Sen. Fielder
01:24:44 Chairman Vincent
01:25:13 Mr. Tubbs
01:26:07 Chairman Vincent
01:26:31 Mr. Tubbs

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:40 Sen. Fielder

Committee Business:

01:28:20 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:34 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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