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

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 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) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (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 326, 3/5/2015; SB 387, 3/5/2015

HEARING ON SB 326**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:10 Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 326, Revise state land laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:17 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:06:22 Sen. Ripley entered the hearing.

00:06:30 Ben Lamb, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:11 Shawn Thomas, administrator, Trust Lands Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:12:26 Richard Roth, rancher

00:18:56 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW) and Montana Association of State Grazing Districts (MASGD)

00:23:17 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:32 Sen. Fielder

00:25:57 Mr. Thomas, DNRC

00:27:15 Sen. Fielder

00:27:30 Mr. Thomas

00:27:54 Sen. Fielder

00:28:06 Mr. Thomas

00:28:40 Sen. Fielder

00:28:53 Mr. Thomas

00:29:48 Sen. Fielder

00:29:59 Mr. Thomas

00:30:28 Sen. Fielder

00:31:00 Mr. Thomas

00:31:52 Sen. Ripley

00:32:21 Sen. Hinkle

00:32:54 Sen. Ripley

00:33:36 Sen. Hinkle

00:35:11 Sen. Ripley

00:35:24 Sen. Hinkle

00:36:02 Sen. Ripley

00:36:17 Sen. Hinkle

00:36:52 Sen. Ripley

00:37:14 Sen. Phillips
00:37:40 Mr. Thomas
00:37:44 Sen. Phillips
00:37:55 Mr. Thomas
00:37:59 Sen. Phillips
00:38:08 Mr. Thomas
00:38:18 Sen. Phillips
00:38:49 Mr. Thomas
00:38:56 Sen. Phillips
00:39:11 Mr. Thomas
00:41:05 Sen. Phillips
00:41:15 Mr. Thomas
00:41:19 Sen. Hoven
00:41:33 Mr. Thomas
00:43:11 Sen. Hoven
00:43:57 Mr. Thomas
00:44:54 Sen. Hoven
00:45:10 Mr. Thomas
00:45:30 Sen. Kaufmann
00:46:20 Mr. Thomas
00:47:21 Sen. Kaufmann
00:47:37 Mr. Thomas
00:47:43 Sen. Kaufmann
00:47:56 Mr. Thomas
00:48:09 Sen. Kaufmann
00:48:56 Mr. Thomas
00:49:10 Sen. Fielder
00:49:29 Mr. Thomas
00:49:48 Sen. Fielder
00:50:03 Mr. Thomas
00:50:28 Sen. Fielder
00:50:38 Mr. Thomas
00:50:53 Sen. Fielder
00:51:01 Mr Thomas
00:51:26 Sen. Fielder
00:51:43 Mr. Thomas
00:52:04 Sen. Fielder
00:52:23 Mr. Thomas
00:52:33 Chairman Vincent
00:53:23 Mr. Thomas
00:54:08 Chairman Vincent
00:55:55 Sen. Hinkle
00:56:29 Chairman Vincent
00:57:28 Sen. Hinkle

00:57:36 Sen. Keane entered the hearing.

00:58:57 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:52 Sen. Hinkle

HEARING ON SB 387

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:24 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 387, Revise water quality violation penalties.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:08:11 Dustin Stewart, executive director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA) [EXHIBIT\(nas48a01\)](#)

01:12:23 Cary Hegreberg, executive director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:14:32 John Arrigo, administrator, Enforcement Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

01:21:32 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

01:23:44 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

01:25:58 Wade Sikorski, rancher

01:27:10 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:45 Sen. Ripley

01:30:19 Mr. Arrigo, DEQ

01:31:46 Sen. Ripley

01:31:54 Mr. Arrigo

01:32:28 Sen. Ripely

01:32:44 Mr. Arrigo

01:34:01 Sen. Ripley

01:34:08 Mr. Arrigo

01:34:25 Sen. Hoven

01:34:51 Mr. Arrigo

01:35:03 Sen. Hoven

01:35:16 Mr. Arrigo

01:35:59 Sen. Hoven

01:36:07 Mr. Arrigo

01:36:58 Sen. Hoven

01:37:07 Mr. Arrigo

01:37:35 Chairman Vincent

01:38:04 Mr. Arrigo

01:38:12 Chairman Vincent

01:38:17 Mr. Arrigo
01:38:33 Chairman Vincent
01:39:10 Mr. Arrigo
01:39:43 Chairman Vincent
01:40:09 Sen. Keane
01:40:19 Mr. Arrigo
01:40:27 Sen. Keane
01:40:34 Mr. Arrigo
01:40:43 Sen. Keane
01:41:04 Mr. Arrigo
01:41:09 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:24 Sen. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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