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

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 18, 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)
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. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: 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: SJ 17, 3/13/2015; SJ 18, 3/13/2015

HEARING ON SJ 17**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:15 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 17, Interim study regarding coal phase-out.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:05 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
EXHIBIT(nas56a01)

00:17:43 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:19:28 Jake Brown, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

00:20:30 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:10 Bud Clinch, executive director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

00:29:18 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

00:31:50 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

00:34:22 Mark Lambrecht, executive director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

00:36:20 David Hoffman, PPL Montana (PPLMT)

EXHIBIT(nas56a02)

00:39:13 Sen. Ankney, SD 20

00:43:10 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

00:43:36 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NE)

00:44:45 Chris Cavazos, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

00:45:03 JD Lynch, Montana Building and Constructing Trades (MBCT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:24 Sen. Brenden

00:46:31 Sen. Phillips

00:47:10 Sen. Brenden

00:48:06 Sen. Phillips

00:49:02 Sen. Brenden

00:49:19 Sen. Phillips

00:50:06 Sen. Brenden

00:50:32 Ms. Hedges, MEIC

00:51:00 Sen. Keane

00:51:30 Mr. Forrester, MDU

00:51:35 Sen. Keane

00:51:42 Mr. Forrester

00:51:48 Sen. Keane

00:52:15 Mr. Hoffman, PPLMT
00:52:20 Sen. Keane
00:52:33 Mr. Hoffman
00:52:54 Sen. Keane
00:53:16 Mr. Hoffman
00:53:46 Sen. Ripley
00:55:39 Sen. Phillips
00:57:12 Sen. Keane
00:58:26 Sen. Phillips
00:59:25 Sen. Keane
00:59:40 Sen. Phillips
01:00:14 Sen. Keane
01:00:21 Sen. Phillips
01:00:33 Sen. Ripley
01:01:46 Sen. Ankney
01:04:16 Sen. Hamlett
01:05:15 Sen. Phillips
01:06:11 Sen. Hamlett
01:06:46 Sen. Phillips
01:07:34 Chairman Vincent
01:08:43 Mr. Ullman, MCV
01:09:37 Chairman Vincent
01:09:48 Mr. Ullman
01:09:56 Chairman Vincent
01:10:26 Ms. Hedges
01:10:45 Chairman Vincent
01:11:22 Ms. Hedges
01:12:04 Chairman Vincent
01:12:24 Ms. Hedges
01:12:32 Chairman Vincent
01:12:56 Ms. Hedges
01:13:07 Chairman Vincent
01:14:35 Sen. Phillips
01:15:25 Chairman Vincent
01:16:15 Sen. Phillips
01:16:39 Chairman Vincent
01:16:53 Sen. Phillips
01:17:22 Chairman Vincent
01:17:28 Sen. Phillips
01:18:08 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:46 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON SJ 18**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:26:00 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SJ 18, Study light detection and ranging data.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:56 Gary Gannon, SciGaia (SG)

01:35:53 Frank Craighead, director, Craighead Institute (CI)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:44:06 Evan Hammer, digital information manager, State of Montana Library

01:44:29 Aaron Johnston, research wildlife biologist, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:50 Sen. Kaufmann

01:45:00 Mr Johnston, USGS

01:47:29 Sen. Kaufmann

01:47:50 Mr. Johnston

01:48:32 Sen. Kaufmann

01:48:48 Mr. Johnston

01:50:19 Sen. Connell

01:53:01 Sen. Phillips

01:53:21 Sen. Connell

01:54:01 Sen. Ankney

01:54:28 Sen. Phillips

01:54:33 Sen. Hamlett

01:55:21 Sen. Phillips

01:55:48 Mr. Gannon, SG

01:57:39 Sen. Hamlett

01:58:12 Mr. Gannon

01:58:41 Sen. Hamlett

01:58:56 Mr. Gannon

01:59:27 Sen. Hamlett

01:59:42 Mr. Gannon

02:00:58 Sen. Hamlett

02:01:16 Mr. Gannon

02:02:30 Sen. Keane

02:04:08 Sen. Phillips

02:05:03 Sen. Keane

02:05:36 Sen. Phillips

02:06:17 Chairman Vincent

02:07:43 Mr. Craighead, CI

02:09:38 Chairman Vincent

02:10:21 Mr. Johnston
02:13:37 Chairman Vincent
02:13:47 Mr. Gannon
02:15:35 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

02:16:03 Sen. Phillips

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:18 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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