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

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 20, 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) - arrived after roll call
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 40, 3/9/2015; HJ 5, 3/9/2015

Executive Action: HB 168 - Be Concurred In
HB 39 - Be Concurred In
HB 49 - Be Concurred In
HB 40 - Be Concurred In
SJ 18 - Do Pass as Amended
HJ 5 - To be Tabled
HB 46 - Motion Withdrawn

HEARING ON HB 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:01 Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 40, Revise board of adjustment laws for conservation districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:16 Mark Bostrom, administrator, Conservation Resource Development Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:04:30 Jeff Wivholm, president, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:30 Laurie Zeller, bureau chief, Conservation Districts Division, Department of Natural Resources of Conservation (DNRC)

00:05:45 Sen. Ankney entered the hearing.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:14 Chairman Vincent

00:06:26 Rep. Berry

00:06:40 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:45 Rep. Berry

HEARING ON HJ 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:32 Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HJ 5, Study reasonable water use.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:04 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:00 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SRWRC) and Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

00:25:22 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:26:32 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:28:00 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 00:28:54 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:27 Sen. Ripley
 00:30:12 Rep. Fiscus
 00:31:00 Sen. Ripley
 00:31:09 Rep. Fiscus
 00:31:23 Sen. Ripley
 00:32:00 Rep. Fiscus
 00:33:26 Sen. Ripley
 00:33:34 Sen. Fielder
 00:34:23 Ms. St. Lawrence, MAR

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:05 Rep. Fiscus

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 168

00:41:37 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 168 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:42:16 Sen. Ripley

00:42:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted aye by proxy. Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 39

00:43:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 39 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy. Sen. Hamlett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 46

00:44:36 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HB 46 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:44:48 Sen. Fielder
 00:44:52 Chairman Vincent

00:45:14 Without objection, Sen. Kaufmann withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN** motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 49

00:45:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 49 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy. Sen. Kaufmann will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 18

00:46:28 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SJ 18 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:47:23 Chairman Vincent
00:47:40 Sen. Phillips

00:47:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SJ 18 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

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00:48:24 **Motion:** Sen. Phillips moved that **SJ 18 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:48:42 Sen. Hoven
00:49:34 Sen. Phillips
00:50:44 Sen. Kaufmann
00:51:17 Chairman Vincent
00:52:38 Sen. Ripley
00:53:10 Chairman Vincent
00:54:47 Sen. Ripley
00:55:03 Chairman Vincent
00:55:17 Sen. Hoven
00:56:03 Chairman Vincent
00:56:42 Sen. Phillips
00:58:24 Sen. Fielder
00:59:08 Chairman Vincent
01:00:55 Sen. Fielder
01:01:05 Chairman Vincent
01:01:36 Sen. Larsen
01:02:40 Sen. Brenden
01:04:27 Chairman Vincent
01:04:40 Sen. Ripley

01:05:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ankney, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hoven and Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 40

01:07:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 40 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Sen. Brenden voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 5

01:10:09 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **HJ 5 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:10:35 Sen. Hoven
01:12:11 Sen. Ripley
01:13:03 Sen. Ankney
01:14:22 Chairman Vincent
01:16:30 Sen. Keane

01:17:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-11 by voice vote with Sen. Keane voting aye. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

01:18:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HJ 5 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell and Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:19 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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