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

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 30, 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) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (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: HB 519, 3/23/2015

Executive Action: HB 553 - Be Concurred in as Amended

HEARING ON HB 519**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:02:12 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 519, Generally revise exempt well laws.
- 00:04:45 Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:12:53 Dustin Stewart, executive director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
- 00:15:55 William F. Leininger, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
- 00:16:53 Mike Hughes, home builder
- 00:22:02 Jerry Hamlin, self
- 00:24:32 Spencer Woith, self

EXHIBIT(nas66a01)

- 00:25:20 Nick Ban, Ban Construction
- 00:25:35 Jan Rehberg, self
- 00:27:38 Eugene Graf, self
- 00:28:32 Kim Smith, self
- 00:31:09 Jason Jacobsen, United Materials
- 00:31:36 Frank Armknecht, business owner
- 00:31:59 Les Bruner, business owner
- 00:32:24 Mike Hanning, business owner
- 00:32:41 Steve Keaster, contractor
- 00:32:59 Tom Stringham, Bitterroot Building Industry Association (BBIA)
- 00:33:40 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers Association (MWWDA)
- 00:36:42 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
- 00:38:23 Joe Roberts, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)

Opponents' Testimony:

- 00:39:45 Barbara Chillcott, legal director, Clark Fork Coalition (CFC)

EXHIBIT(nas66a02)

- 00:43:46 Rep. Clayton Fiscus, HD 43

EXHIBIT(nas66a03)

- 00:49:59 Hollie Franz, Mountain Water Company (MWC)
- 00:55:00 Erin Farris-Olsen, Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC)

EXHIBIT(nas66a04)

- 00:59:32 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SRWRC) and Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

- 01:04:31 Dave Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

EXHIBIT(nas66a05)

01:09:15 Ron Alles, city manager, Helena
 01:13:37 Mark Aagenes, conservation director, Montana Trout Unlimited (TU)
 01:15:05 Richard Thweatt, Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC)
 01:16:48 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 01:18:09 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 01:19:23 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
 01:20:16 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
 01:20:45 Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Informational Testimony:

01:21:50 Barbara Kingery, program manager, Subdivision Section, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:11 Sen. Brenden
 01:22:51 Ms. St. Lawrence, MAR
 01:23:48 Sen. Brenden
 01:24:00 Ms. St. Lawrence
 01:24:22 Sen. Brenden
 01:24:38 Ms. Evans, SRWRC and AGAI
 01:25:26 Sen. Brenden
 01:25:37 Ms. Evans
 01:26:06 Sen. Brenden
 01:26:34 Ms. Evans
 01:26:56 Sen. Brenden
 01:27:14 Ms. Evans
 01:27:47 Sen. Ripley
 01:28:20 Mr. Davis, DNRC
 01:28:47 Sen. Ripley
 01:29:25 Mr. Nielsen, MLCT
 01:29:39 Sen. Ripley
 01:29:50 Mr. Nielsen
 01:30:47 Sen. Ripley
 01:30:56 Mr. Nielsen
 01:31:50 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:32:28 Mr. Stewart, MBIA
 01:34:26 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:34:42 Mr. Stewart
 01:35:27 Sen. Larsen
 01:36:19 Mr. Davis
 01:37:57 Sen. Larsen
 01:38:15 Mr. Davis
 01:39:04 Chairman Vincent
 01:39:38 Ms. Franz, MWC
 01:40:36 Sen. Hamlett
 01:41:25 Ms. Franz
 01:41:38 Sen. Hamlett

01:41:51 Ms. Franz
01:42:07 Sen. Hamlett
01:42:31 Ms. Franz
01:42:49 Chairman Vincent
01:43:29 Rep. Glimm
01:44:50 Chairman Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:29 Rep. Glimm
01:47:27 Recess
01:48:02 Sen. Hamlett left the hearing.
01:53:37 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 553

01:54:44 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **HB 553 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:55:20 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HB 553 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nas66a06)

Discussion:

01:55:36 Sonja Nowakowski, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:56:24 Sen. Connell
01:57:29 Chairman Vincent

01:57:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden and Sen. Vincent voting no. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Keane voted by proxy. Sen. Fielder was excused.

01:59:01 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **HB 553 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:59:12 Sen. Ripley
01:59:37 Chairman Vincent
01:59:58 Sen. Brenden
02:00:09 Sen. Ripley
02:00:44 Sen. Brenden
02:01:52 Chairman Vincent
02:02:01 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
02:02:14 Chairman Vincent
02:02:19 Sen. Larsen

02:02:36

Vote: Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ankney, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Connell, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Vincent voting no. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Keane voted by proxy. Sen. Fielder was excused. Sen. Hamlett will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:44 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas66aad.pdf](#))