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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Virginia Aldrich, 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 24, 1/4/2017; SB 46, 1/4/2017

Presentation by Pacific NorthWest Economic Region:

00:01:04 Matt Morrison, chief executive officer, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)

00:02:40 Recess

00:05:52 Reconvene

00:06:00 Dan Ashton, president, PNWER

00:08:40 Matt Morrison, PNWER

00:14:14 Chair Vincent

00:15:05 Sen. Cohenour

00:15:29 Chair Vincent

00:15:44 Mr. Morrison

00:15:49 Chair Vincent

00:15:58 Mr. Morrison

00:16:16 Chair Vincent

00:16:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that the Natural Resources committee draft a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers to add support for the monitoring, early detection, and rapid response use of the \$9 million federal funding and also adding in the November 30 retroactive date for the appropriation. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:46 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 46, Revise laws on forest reserve money kept in state treasury.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:10 Mark Bruno, financial manager, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:20:52 Sen. Welborn

00:20:59 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:47 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:53 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 24, Modify commercial leasing rental provisions for state lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:14 Shawn Thomas, administrator, Trust Land Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:36:44 Chair Vincent

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:59 Sen. Fielder
00:37:26 Sen. Welborn
00:37:39 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:38:26 Mr. Thomas, DNRC
00:39:12 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:39:27 Mr. Thomas
00:40:04 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:40:38 Mr. Thomas
00:41:17 Sen. Hinkle
00:41:54 Mr. Thomas
00:42:58 Sen. Hinkle
00:43:11 Mr. Thomas
00:43:49 Chair Vincent
00:43:53 Sen. Fielder
00:44:08 Sen. Welborn
00:44:18 Chair Vincent
00:45:02 Mr. Thomas
00:45:23 Chair Vincent
00:45:53 Mr. Thomas
00:46:04 Chair Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:13 Sen. Welborn

00:46:25 Chair Vincent

00:46:52 Chair Vincent

00:47:11 Sen. Cohenour

00:47:22 Chair Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:49 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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