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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Debby Barrett, on March 7, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Debby Barrett, Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kevin McCue, 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 402, 3/2/2011; HB 422, 3/2/2011; HB 37, 3/2/2011

HEARING ON HB 402**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:22 Rep. Matthew Rosendale (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 402, Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:22 Cary Hegreberg, lobbyist, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
00:09:09 Chuck Denowh, lobbyist, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
00:09:40 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:21 Jean Riley, self
EXHIBIT(nas51a01)
00:15:03 Janet Ellis, lobbyist, Montana Audubon
00:16:25 Anne Hedges, lobbyist, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:20:31 Linda Stoll, Missoula County and Montana Association of Planners (MAP)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:47 Sen. Kaufmann
00:23:02 Ms. Stoll, Missoula County and MAP
00:23:47 Sen. Vincent
00:24:17 Mr. Hegreberg, MCA
00:26:06 Sen. Kaufmann
00:26:23 Mr. Blattie, MACo
00:27:19 Sen. Walker
00:27:46 Mr. Hegreberg
00:29:17 Sen. Larsen
00:29:39 Mr. Hegreberg
00:31:25 Sen. Kaufmann
00:31:43 Rep. Rosendale
00:33:46 Sen. Kaufmann
00:34:11 Ms. Hedges, MEIC
00:36:53 Sen. Tropila
00:37:47 Rep. Rosendale

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:41 Rep. Rosendale

HEARING ON HB 422

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:50 Rep. Alan Hale (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 422, Allow third party consultants to directly bill mining companies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:31 Tammy Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Mining Association (MMA) and Revett Silver Company

00:44:53 Fess Foster, self

EXHIBIT(nas51a02)

00:47:23 Mark Thompson, Environmental Superintendent, Golden Sunlight Mine

00:48:10 Margaret Morgan, lobbyist, Holcim Trident Cement Plant

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:49:02 Warren McCullough, Environmental Management Bureau Chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:33 Sen. Kaufmann

00:49:47 Mr. McCullough, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:07 Rep. Hale

HEARING ON HB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:43 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 37, Revise strip and underground mine reclamation act laws related to revegetation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:33 Ed Coleman, Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau Chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:56:31 Bud Clinch, lobbyist, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:37 Rep. McChesney

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00:59:17

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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