

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Debby Barrett, on March 31, 2011 at 10:00 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. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker (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: SR 7, 3/29/2011; SR 8, 3/29/2011

Executive Action: SR 7 - Do pass  
SR 8 - Do pass  
HB 533 - Be concurred in  
SJ 22 - Do pass

**HEARING ON SR 7**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:31 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SR 7, Confirm appointees to Hardrock Mining Impact Board.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:41 Patti Keebler, Appointments Coordinator, Office of the Governor

00:03:02 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(nas72a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:04:35 Sen. Kaufmann

00:05:19 Ms. Keebler

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:56 Sen. Barrett

**HEARING ON SR 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:07:44 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SR 8, Confirm appointees to Air Pollution Advisory Council.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:44 Patti Keebler, Appointments Coordinator, Office of the Governor

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:40 Sen. Barrett

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 7**

00:10:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SR 7 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. Larsen, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 8**

00:11:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SR 8 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. Larsen, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 533**

00:12:03 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HB 533 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:12:24 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HB 533 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(nas72a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:12:39 Sen. Kaufmann

00:14:28 Sen. Jackson

00:14:57 Sen. Kaufmann

00:15:58 Sen. Hamlett

00:16:21 Sen. Barrett

00:16:37 Sen. Wanzenried

00:17:26 Sen. Barrett

00:17:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Keane, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Larsen, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy.

00:18:23 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann withdrew her motion that **HB 533 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:18:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HB 533 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 13-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Kaufmann voting no. Sen. Larsen, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy. Sen. Olson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 22**

00:20:57 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SJ 22 DO PASS**.

00:21:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SJ 22 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 4-10 by roll call vote with Sen. Keane, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Wanzenried voting aye. Sen. Larsen, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:22:19 Sen. Barrett

00:22:43 Sen. Hamlett

00:22:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Keane, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Larsen, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy.

**ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS**

**[EXHIBIT\(nas72a03\)](#)**

Information related to SR 7 and SR 8 distributed to committee on March 31, 2011.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:

00:24:10

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Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nas72aad.pdf](#))**