

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Debby Barrett, on January 12, 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. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (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: SB 30, 1/5/2011; SB 87, 1/5/2011
Executive Action: SB 30; SB 87; SB 8

HEARING ON SB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:54 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 30, Revise laws on fiscal requirements under CECRA.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:38 Sandi Olsen, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(nas09a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas09a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:40 Sen. Brenden
00:09:13 Sandi Olsen, DEQ
00:09:44 Sen. Walker
00:10:20 Sandi Olsen
00:11:29 Sen. Kaufmann
00:11:49 Sandi Olsen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:24 Sen. Wanzenried

HEARING ON SB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:56 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 87, Allow principal forgiveness for drinking water and wastewater revolving loans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:29 Todd Teegarden, Bureau Chief, Technical and Financial Assistance Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(nas09a03\)](#)

00:18:42 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nas09a04\)](#)

00:22:22 Alec Hansen, lobbyist, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:24:34 Bob Gilbert, lobbyist, Cities of Glendive and Roundup

00:25:52 Dave Aune, Vice President of Operations, Great West Engineering
00:26:44 Steve Wade, lobbyist for Montana Rural Water Systems Inc.
00:27:40 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Association
00:28:17 Abigail St. Lawrence, MT Association of Realtors

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:16 Sen. Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30

00:31:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 30 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Peterson, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy.

00:32:00 Sen. Kaufmann left the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 87

00:32:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 87 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

00:34:51 **Motion:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 8 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:35:03 Sen. Brenden
00:37:11 Sen. Wanzenried
00:38:23 Sen. Jackson
00:39:10 Sen. Hinkle
00:39:35 Sen. Barrett

00:40:46 _____ **Vote:** Sen. Wanzenried moved that **SB 8 DO PASS**. 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. Kaufmann, Sen. Peterson, Sen. Tropila and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy.

00:42:06 _____ Without objection from the committee, Sen. Wanzenried requested that the vote be reversed and the bill tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
00:42:52

Kevin McCue, Secretary

km

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas09aad.pdf](#))