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

Call to Order: Chair Debby Barrett, on March 4, 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. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 6, 2/23/2011; HB 24, 2/23/2011

Executive Action: HJ 6 - Be concurred in
HB 24 - Be concurred in

HEARING ON HJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:53 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HJ 6, Establish an annual forest products industry week.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:04 Patrick Heffernan, lobbyist, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

00:04:45 Jason Todhunter, lobbyist, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

00:05:51 Don Allen, lobbyist, Western Environmental Trade Association (WETA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:28 Sen. Keane

00:07:46 Rep. Connell

00:08:21 Sen. Vincent joined the hearing

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:43 Rep. Connell

HEARING ON HB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:55 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 24, Revise aquifer recharge and mitigation laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:09 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SRWRC), Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI), Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA) and Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:18:19 Abigail St. Lawrence, lobbyist, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

00:20:12 Mark Aagenes, lobbyist, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:21:02 Mike Murphy, lobbyist, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:22:27 Holly Franz, lobbyist, PPL Montana LLC and on behalf of Gerald Meuller, Facilitator, Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee

EXHIBIT(nas49a01)

00:23:58 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 00:25:07 Terri McLaughlin, Water Rights Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources
 and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(nas49a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:11 Mark Fix, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:36 Sen. Brenden
 00:30:08 Ms. Evans, SRWRC, AGAI, MFBF, MSGA, WIFE
 00:32:29 Sen. Kaufmann
 00:33:21 Ms. McLaughlin, DNRC
 00:36:30 Sen. Vincent
 00:37:16 Ms. Evans
 00:38:54 Sen. Hamlett
 00:39:20 Rep. McChesney
 00:39:30 Ms. McLaughlin
 00:40:07 Sen. Hamlett
 00:40:31 Ms. McLaughlin
 00:41:31 Sen. Hamlett
 00:41:56 Rep. McChesney
 00:47:58 Sen. Walker
 00:48:30 Ms. Evans

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:02 Rep. McChesney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6

00:52:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 13-1 by voice vote with Sen. Kaufmann voting no. Sen. Jackson and Sen. Peterson voted by proxy. Sen. Van Dyk will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 24

00:54:40 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 24 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:54:54 Sen. Kaufmann
 00:56:24 Sen. Larsen
 00:57:30 Sen. Keane

00:58:11 Sen. Brenden

00:59:00 Sen. Hamlett

01:00:33 Sen. Barrett

01:00:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-1 by voice vote with Sen. Kaufmann voting no. Sen. Jackson and Sen. Peterson voted by proxy. Sen. Hamlett will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

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01:01:23

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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