

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on January 23, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Colleen Dever, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, 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 256, 1/22/2013; HJ 7, 1/22/2013

00:23:50 Chair Bennett

### **HEARING ON HB 256**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:25:44 Rep. Brian Hoven (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 256, Revise landowner notification requirements under MFSA.

00:26:54 Rep. Shaw entered the meeting.

00:34:47 Chair Bennett

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:35:02 Ronda Wiggers, NorthWestern Energy

00:35:29 Chair Bennett

00:35:34 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:36:18 Chair Bennett

00:36:20 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:36:43 Chair Bennett

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:36:52 Darryl James, Montana-Alberta Tie-Line (MATL)

00:41:18 Chair Bennett

00:41:20 Judy Hanson, Administrator, Permitting and Compliance Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:42:01 Chair Bennett

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:11 Rep. Lieser

00:42:40 Ms. Hanson, DEQ

00:42:55 Chair Bennett

00:42:59 Craig Jones, Environmental Science Specialist, DEQ

00:43:09 Rep. Lieser

00:43:36 Mr. Jones, DEQ

00:44:14 Chair Bennett

00:44:17 Rep. Connell

00:45:15 Rep. Hoven

00:45:29 Rep. Connell

00:45:54 Rep. Hoven

00:46:39 Chair Bennett

00:46:43 Rep. White

00:48:33 Rep. Hoven

00:49:01 Chair Bennett

00:49:06 Rep. Williams

00:50:01 Mr. Jones, DEQ

00:50:03 Rep. Williams

00:51:07 Rep. Hoven

00:51:10 Rep. Williams

00:51:48 Rep. Hoven

00:52:00 Rep. Williams  
00:52:20 Mr. Jones, DEQ  
00:52:36 Rep. Williams  
00:52:52 Mr. Jones, DEQ  
00:53:01 Rep. Williams  
00:53:10 Chair Bennett  
00:53:17 Mr. James, MATL  
00:54:47 Rep. Williams  
00:55:06 Chair Bennett  
00:55:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:55:40 Mr. Jones, DEQ  
00:56:04 Ms. Hanson, DEQ  
00:56:33 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:57:02 Ms. Hanson, DEQ  
00:57:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:58:02 Ms. Hanson, DEQ  
00:58:17 Chair Bennett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:58:27 Rep. Hoven  
01:00:07 Chair Bennett

**HEARING ON HJ 7**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:00:47 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HJ 7, Joint resolution to initiate legal action for damages to state waters.

[EXHIBIT\(nah14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah14a02\)](#)

01:18:29 Chair Bennett

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:03 Rep. Connell  
01:19:24 Chair Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:19:59

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Colleen Dever, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah14aad.pdf](#))**