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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on February 20, 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. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Rebecca Shaw, Committee Secretary

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 516, 2/18/2013; HB 547, 2/19/2013

HEARING ON HB 547

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:01 Rep. Carl Glimm (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 547, Agency coordination of permits for large-scale projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:01 Leo Berry, Attorney, Great Northern Properties
00:19:22 Jesse Luther, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:17 John Rogers, Chief Economic Development Officer, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOV)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:28 Rep. White
00:25:37 Rep. Glimm
00:27:38 Rep. White
00:27:45 John Rogers, GOV
00:30:45 Rep. White
00:30:56 John Rogers, GOV
00:32:12 Rep. Lynch
00:32:48 Rep. Glimm
00:34:23 Rep. Lynch
00:34:47 Rep. Glimm
00:34:52 Rep. Williams
00:34:59 Rep. Glimm
00:38:38 Rep. Williams
00:38:44 Rep. Glimm
00:40:24 Rep. Williams
00:40:29 Rep. Court
00:40:32 Rep. Glimm
00:42:27 Rep. Eck
00:42:58 Rep. Glimm
00:43:16 Rep. Eck
00:43:22 John Rogers, GOV

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:15 Rep. Glimm

HEARING ON HB 516

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:55 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 516, Generally revise water law on application for water rights.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:52:58 Jay Weiner, Staff Attorney, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (RWRCC)

00:54:11 Anne Yates, Chief Legal Council, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

00:58:03 Rep. Doane entered.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:34 Rep. Williams

00:59:51 Rep. Harris

01:00:32 Rep. Williams

01:00:37 Rep. Harris

01:01:20 Rep. Lynch

01:01:26 Jay Weiner, RWRCC

01:02:55 Rep. Lynch

01:03:00 Rep. Harris

01:03:40 Rep. Connell

01:04:50 Joe Kolman, Legislative Environmental Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:05:20 Rep. Connell

01:05:30 Jay Weiner, RWRCC

01:06:45 Rep. Connell

01:06:52 Jay Weiner, RWRCC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:32 Rep. Harris

01:09:36 Chair Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:10:07

Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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