

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on March 6, 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. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (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. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (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: HJ 15, 2/26/2013; SB 44, 02/26/2013; SJ 4, 02/26/2013

**HEARING ON SB 44****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:36 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 44, Eliminate air pollution control advisory council.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:13 David Klemp, Bureau Chief, Air Resources Management Bureau, Permitting and Compliance Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:14:00 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:32 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:16:03 David Klemp, DEQ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:36 Sen. Keane

**HEARING ON SJ 4****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:01 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SJ 4, Interim study on Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder's Alley.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:19:38 Elijah Allen, Operations Manager, Montana Heritage Commission, Department of Commerce (COM)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:21:42 Rep. White

00:21:53 Rep. Shaw entered.

00:22:13 Elijah Allen, COM

00:23:03 Rep. White

00:23:29 Elijah Allen, COM

00:24:07 Rep. Miller

00:24:31 Elijah Allen, COM

00:24:51 Rep. Connell

00:25:32 Sen. Keane

00:28:30 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:29:00 Joe Kolman, Environmental Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:04 Sen. Keane

**HEARING ON HJ 15**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:02 Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HJ 15, Study water policy to put more water to beneficial use.

**EXHIBIT(nah48a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:47:53 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Senior Water Rights Coalition

**Informational Testimony:**

00:49:53 Tim Davis, Administrator, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:48 Rep. Williams  
00:52:32 Tim Davis, DNRC  
00:53:10 Rep. White  
00:54:33 Tim Davis, DNRC  
00:55:37 Rep. Shaw  
00:56:14 Tim Davis, DNRC  
00:56:17 Rep. Shaw  
00:56:22 Tim Davis, DNRC  
00:57:28 Rep. Shaw  
00:57:34 Tim Davis, DNRC  
00:57:36 Rep. Lynch entered.  
00:57:44 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:58:21 Tim Davis, DNRC  
00:58:48 Rep. Fitzpatrick  
00:58:55 Tim Davis, DNRC  
00:59:31 Rep. Lieser  
01:00:08 Rep. Fiscus

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:00:17 Rep. Fiscus

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:05:36

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Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah48aad.pdf](#))**