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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on March 8, 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. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (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: SB 76, 2/27/2013; SB 137, 2/27/2013
Executive Action: SJ 4, SB 44, HJ 15

00:15:28 Chair Bennett

HEARING ON SB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:46 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 76, Require permits for cooling water intake structures.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:52 Paul Skubinna, Bureau Chief, Water Protection Bureau, Permitting and Compliance Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:17:16 Rep. Lynch entered.

00:17:58 John Alke, Montana-Dakota Utilities

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:44 Rep. Hoven

00:19:02 Paul Skubinna, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:37 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON SB 137

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:25 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 137, Revise local government laws relate to property environmental clean-up.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:05 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:26:06 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:28:15 Al Smith, Executive Director, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MLTA)

00:30:32 Kate Chowela, City of Missoula

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:53 Rep. White

00:31:27 Sen. Olson

00:33:29 Rep. White

00:33:35 Sen. Olson

00:34:21 Rep. Hoven

00:34:49 Sen. Olson

00:35:19 Rep. Williams

00:35:56 Al Smith, MLTA

00:36:58 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:38:01 Sen. Olson
00:38:15 Joe Kolman, Environmental Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division
(LSD)
00:39:32 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:40:35 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:40:58 Sen. Olson
00:41:34 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:42:51 Joe Kolman, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:14 Sen. Olson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 4

00:47:41 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **SJ 4 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:47:57 Joe Kolman, LSD
00:49:01 Rep. Williams
00:49:41 Chair Bennett
00:50:46 Rep. Shaw
00:53:52 Rep. Hoven
00:54:57 Chair Bennett

00:55:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Warburton voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44

00:58:57 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **SB 44 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:59:10 Joe Kolman, LSD
01:00:20 Chair Bennett
01:01:09 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:01:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Warburton voted by proxy. Rep. Williams will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 15

01:02:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Miller moved that **HJ 15 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Doane and Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(nah50a01)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:04:42

Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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