

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on April 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. Alan Doane (R)
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. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

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 355, 4/5/2013

00:26:46 Chair Bennett
[EXHIBIT\(nah73a01\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:16 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 355, Water court review of claims exempt from filing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:43 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Association and Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)
00:40:06 John Youngberg, Vice Presiden of Governmental Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:41:38 Jay Bodner, Executive Director, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)
00:42:54 Mike Murphy, Executive Director, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:44:10 Holly Franz, PPL Montana
00:46:59 Arial Overstreet, Montana Cattlewomen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:47:20 Anne Yates, Chief Counsel, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:53 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:48:47 Kevin Peterson, Legal Counsel, Water Resources Division, DNRC
00:48:54 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:49:29 Kevin Peterson, DNRC
00:50:43 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:50:55 Kevin Peterson, DNRC
00:51:48 Rep. Pomnichowski
00:52:06 Kevin Peterson, DNRC
00:53:40 Rep. Hoven
00:53:45 Kevin Peterson, DNRC
00:53:59 Rep. Hoven
00:55:38 Kevin Peterson, DNRC
00:55:43 Rep. Williams
00:56:58 Holly Franz, PPL Montana
00:57:03 Rep. Williams
00:57:13 Holly Franz, PPL Montana
00:57:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:58:27 Sen. Hamlett
00:58:56 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:59:04 Sen. Hamlett
00:59:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:00:06 Sen. Hamlett
01:00:11 Rep. Connell

01:00:17 Krista Lee Evans, AGAI
01:01:37 Rep. Connell
01:02:25 Sen. Hamlett
01:04:34 Rep. Connell
01:05:25 Rep. Fitzpatrick
01:05:32 Holly Franz, PPL Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:00 Sen. Hamlett

01:11:02 Chair Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:11:27

Rebecca Shaw, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah73aad.pdf](#))