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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 16, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jim Keane (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Kulawik, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, 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: SB 18, 1/9/2013

HEARING ON SB 18**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:41 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 18, Clarify taxation and ownership of river channel following an avulsion.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:26 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB)

00:35:28 John Tubbs, Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nas08a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas08a02\)](#)

00:39:53 Shawn Thomas, Forest Management Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:43:14 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:29 John Metesh, Director, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

[EXHIBIT\(nas08a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:58 Sen. Brenden

00:46:22 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:46:36 Sen. Rosendale

00:46:55 John Tubbs

00:47:06 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:47:36 Sen. Rosendale

00:48:18 Shawn Thomas

00:48:52 Sen. Fielder

00:49:15 Shawn Thomas

00:49:36 Sen. Larsen

00:50:06 Sen. Hamlett

00:52:50 Sen. Ripley

00:52:55 Sen. Hamlett

00:53:17 Sen. Kaufmann

00:53:30 Sen. Hamlett

00:54:28 Sen. Kaufmann

00:54:51 Shawn Thomas

00:55:33 Sen. Fielder

00:55:47 Chairman Vincent

00:56:09 John Metesh, MBMG

01:03:04 Chairman Vincent

01:03:08 Sen. Fielder

01:04:06 John Metesh
01:04:13 John Tubbs
01:04:54 Sen. Fielder
01:05:24 John Tubbs
01:06:03 Sen. Tropila
01:08:10 John Tubbs
01:09:25 Chairman Vincent
01:09:47 John Tubbs
01:10:13 Sen. Phillips
01:10:45 John Tubbs
01:11:13 Chairman Vincent
01:11:20 Sen. Tropila
01:12:01 Sen. Hamlett
01:12:13 Sen. Walker
01:12:44 John Tubbs
01:12:55 Monte Mason, Minerals Management Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
01:13:34 Sen. Walker
01:15:05 Monte Mason, DNRC
01:15:37 Sen. Walker
01:15:52 John Tubbs
01:16:05 Chairman Vincent
01:16:14 Sen. Barrett
01:16:30 Sen. Hamlett
01:17:56 Chairman Vincent
01:18:25 John Tubbs
01:18:35 Monte Mason
01:19:07 Chairman Vincent
01:19:38 Monte Mason
01:20:18 Chairman Vincent
01:20:44 Shawn Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:35 Sen. Hamlett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas08aad.pdf](#))