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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 1, 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. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (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. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (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 201, 1/29/2013
Executive Action on: SB 88, Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 201

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:07 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 201, Revise laws on rural/urban interface and fire protection.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:13 Pat McKelvey, Tri-County Fire Safe Working Group (TCFSWG)
EXHIBIT(nas22a01)

00:29:09 Ron Alles, Helena City Manager

00:30:46 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:31:16 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

00:33:18 Rocky Infanger, Tri-County Fire Safe Working Group (TCFSWG) and Fire Chief,
Wolf Creek Fire Service Area (WCFSA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:34:00 Shawn Thomas, Trust Land Division Administrator, Montana Department of
Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:23 Sen. Tropila

00:34:43 Julia Altemus, MWPA

00:34:47 Chairman Vincent

00:34:56 Sen. Tropila

00:35:15 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:35:52 Sen. Fielder

00:36:23 Sen. Hamlett

00:36:55 Chairman Vincent

00:38:05 Shawn Thomas

00:38:30 Chairman Vincent

00:38:45 Sen. Kaufmann

00:39:01 Shawn Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:36 Sen. Hamlett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 88

00:41:26 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 88 DO PASS.**

00:41:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-2 by voice vote with Sen. Fielder and Sen. Jackson voting no. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Keane, Sen. Larsen and Sen. Phillips voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:27 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas22aad.pdf](#))