

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 13, 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. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

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 278, 2/11/2013; SB 237, 2/11/2013

HEARING ON SB 278**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:46 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 278, Ratify C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge water compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:176 Chris Tweeten, Chairman, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (MRWRCC)
00:29:24 Melissa Hornbein, Legal Counsel, Montana Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission (MRWRCC)

EXHIBIT(nas32a01)

00:40:25 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) and Garfield Conservation District (GCD)
00:40:49 Laurie Riley, Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation Districts Council (MRCDC)

EXHIBIT(nas32a02)

00:42:00 Hertha Lund, Eastern Montana Concerned Citizens (EMCC)
00:46:01 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner (FCC)
00:50:48 Lesley Robinson, Phillips County Commissioner (PCC)
00:51:49 Teddy Robertson, Garfield County Commissioner (GCC)
00:52:27 Kirk Donsbach, self
00:54:35 Janet Wolff, McCone County Commissioner (MCC)
00:55:00 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
00:55:15 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association (MWRA)
00:55:58 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:56:26 Chris King, Petroleum County Commissioner
00:57:12 Jay Bodner, Montana Public Lands Council (MPLC) and Montana Association of Grazing Districts (MAGD)
00:58:01 Rick Potts, Manager, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge (CMRNWR)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:47 Ed Butcher, self

Informational Testimony:

01:05:59 Bill Schenk, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:49 Sen. Barrett
01:06:58 Hertha Lund, EMCC
01:07:39 Sen. Fielder
01:08:01 Chris Tweeten, MRWRCC
01:08:47 Sen. Fielder

01:08:54 Melissa Hornbein, MRWRCC
 01:10:08 Sen. Hamlett
 01:13:11 Rick Potts, CMRNWR

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:32 Sen. Peterson

HEARING ON SB 237

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:19 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 237, Require land board approval of land purchases.

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:14 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 01:30:55 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
 01:34:01 Carl Seilstad, self
 01:34:27 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) and Garfield Conservation District (GCD)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a09\)](#)

01:35:36 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
 01:37:09 Lesley Robinson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:37:49 Shawn Thomas, Administrator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
 01:40:04 Dan Hubber, Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
 01:42:57 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a10\)](#)

01:47:09 Paul Sihler, Administrator of Field Services, Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(nas32a11\)](#)

01:50:56 Dwane Kailey, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)
 01:52:15 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 01:53:37 Bert Lindler, self
 01:55:17 Robert Sanders, Manager, Ducks Unlimited (DU)
 01:56:42 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon (MA)

01:58:16 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:00:30 Sen. Keane
02:01:14 Paul Sihler, FWP
02:02:05 Sen. Fielder
02:03:34 Sen. Brenden
02:03:50 Sen. Ripley
02:06:09 George Golie, MWF
02:07:27 Sen. Phillips
02:08:27 Sen. Brenden
02:09:24 Sen. Keane
02:10:46 Paul Sihler
02:11:05 Sen. Ripley
02:12:07 Paul Sihler
02:12:54 Sen. Larsen
02:13:18 Sarah Cobler, MCV
02:13:32 Sen. Rosendale
02:13:55 Sarah Cobler
02:14:21 Sen. Hamlett
02:15:21 Paul Sihler
02:15:30 Sen. Hamlett
02:15:35 Chairman Vincent
02:15:45 Sen. Hamlett
02:17:15 Paul Sihler
02:17:38 Chairman Vincent
02:18:54 Paul Sihler
02:19:10 Chairman Vincent
02:21:55 George Golie
02:22:20 Chairman Vincent
02:23:28 Vito Quatraro, MSA

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:49 Sen. Brenden

Committee Business:

02:31:56 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:14 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Document

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas32aad.pdf](#))