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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on March 8, 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. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused: None

Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (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: HB 24, 2/27/2013; HB 59, 2/27/2013

Executive Action: HB 59 - Be Concurred In
SR 10 - Be Adopted

Committee Business:

00:09:11 Chairman Vincent
00:09:38 Vice Chair Brenden assumed the role of Chair.
00:09:40 Sen. Vincent left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:49 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 59, Revise title of governor's drought advisory committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:30 Tim Davis, Administrator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:35 Rep. Lynch

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 59

00:12:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 59 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy. Sen. Keane will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:08 Rep. Duane Ankney (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 24, Create state parks and recreation board.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:14 Chas Van Genderen, Administrator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(nas50a01\)](#)

00:21:45 Homer Staves, President, Campground Owners Association of America (COAM)

[EXHIBIT\(nas50a02\)](#)

00:25:02 Mike Penfold, Volunteer, Our Montana (OM)
 00:25:59 Chris Puyear, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)
 00:27:10 Mike Sedlock, Capital Trail Vehicle Riders Association (CTVRA)
 00:28:08 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)
 00:30:13 Howard Boggess, Member of the Crow Tribe, Frontier Heritage Alliance (FHA)

00:31:11 Sen. Vincent returned to the hearing and resumed the role of Chair.

00:32:41 Mike Jeffords, Ravalli County Off Road USA (RCORUSA)
 00:33:20 Bob Walker, Volunteer, Montana Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA)
 00:34:49 Ron Alexander, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA) and
 Snowmobile Association (SA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:29 Dwight Young, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:52 Sen. Fielder
 00:40:38 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
 00:41:58 Sen. Rosendale
 00:43:38 Chas Van Genderen
 00:44:08 Sen. Brenden
 00:44:31 Chas Van Genderen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:10 Rep. Ankney

Committee Business:

00:48:05 Chairman Vincent
 00:48:15 Sen. Peterson
 00:48:28 Chairman Vincent

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 10

00:48:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tropila moved that **SR 10 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann and Sen. Phillips voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

00:49:18 Chairman Vincent
 00:49:38 Sen. Brenden
 00:50:03 Chairman Vincent
 00:50:09 Sen. Hamlett
 00:50:12 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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