

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on April 3, 2013 at 4:30 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

- Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
- Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
- Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
- Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
- Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
- Sen. Jim Keane (D)
- Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
- Sen. Edward Walker (R)

**Members Excused:**

- Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
- Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
- Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
- Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
- Sen. Mitch Tropila (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 535, 3/26/2013

01:42:40 Chairman Vincent turned over the responsibilities of the chair to Sen. Keane.

**HEARING ON HB 535**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:43:18 Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 535, Generally revise state land cabin site laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:46:03 Eugene Hutz, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

01:49:26 Tony Piscopo, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

01:54:19 Margaret Morgan, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

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**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:03:11 Shawn Thomas, Trust Land Management Division Administrator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:06:44 Sen. Barrett  
02:06:59 Margaret Morgan, MSLA  
02:08:32 Sen. Fielder  
02:15:06 Shawn Thomas, DNRC  
02:15:50 Vice Chair Keane  
02:15:57 Rep. Bennett  
02:16:31 Vice Chair Keane  
02:20:02 Shawn Thomas  
02:20:32 Vice Chair Keane  
02:21:02 Margaret Morgan  
02:22:12 Vice Chair Keane  
02:22:41 Sen. Barrett  
02:23:13 Shawn Thomas

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:24:38 Rep. Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:19 P.M.

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Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nas69aad.pdf](#))**