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

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on April 10, 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. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Rick Ripley (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: SR 41, 3/23/2013

Executive Action: HB 535 - Be Concurred In
SR 41 - Adopted
HB 617 - Tabled
HB 128 - Tabled

00:21:30 Sen. Ripley entered the hearing.

00:21:40 Sen. Vincent turned over the duties of chair to Vice Chair Brenden.

HEARING ON SR 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:00 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SR 41, Confirm Governor's appointee as director of DNRC.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:45 John Tubbs, Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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00:28:55 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, Roundup

00:31:08 Pete Woll, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:32:08 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:33:37 Jane Holzer, Program Director, Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)

00:34:43 Karen Fagg, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:18 Sen. Fielder

00:43:10 John Tubbs, DNRC

00:44:08 Sen. Jackson

00:47:32 John Tubbs

00:48:33 Sen. Walker

00:48:51 John Tubbs

00:49:38 Sen. Larsen

00:50:04 John Tubbs

00:50:32 Sen. Hamlett

00:51:24 John Tubbs

00:52:43 Vice Chair Brenden

00:56:30 John Tubbs

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:00 Sen. Vincent

00:57:25 Sen. Vincent resumed the duties of Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 617

00:58:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 617 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 128

00:58:54 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **HB 128 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:59:13 Sen. Barrett
 00:59:48 Sen. Jackson
 01:00:27 Sen. Ripley
 01:01:04 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:01:30 Sen. Keane
 01:01:56 Sen. Tropila
 01:02:27 Sen. Barrett
 01:02:48 Sen. Ripley

01:03:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-9 by roll call vote with Sen. Kaufmann, Sen. Keane, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Tropila voting aye.

01:04:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HB 128 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 535

01:04:48 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HB 535 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:05:11 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

01:05:48 **Motion:** Sen. Kaufmann moved that **HB 535 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

01:06:09 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:07:07 Sen. Brenden
 01:08:32 Sen. Keane
 01:11:31 Sen. Jackson
 01:11:54 Sen. Barrett

01:12:30 Without objection, Sen. Kaufmann withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

Discussion:

01:12:52 Sen. Fielder

01:13:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. Keane will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

01:13:38 Chairman Vincent

01:14:27 Sen. Keane

01:14:45 Chairman Vincent

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 41

01:15:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SR 41 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote.

Committee Business:

01:15:50 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:59 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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