

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on April 19, 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. 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. Jennifer Fielder (R)  
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 on Amendments & Date Posted: House amendments to SB 335, 4/16/2013

Executive Action: House amendments to SB 335 - Be Concurred In.

**Committee Business:**

00:10:20 Chairman Vincent  
00:12:14 Sen. Rosendale  
00:12:18 Chairman Vincent

**HEARING ON HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SB 335**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:18 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 335, Allow for removal of natural obstruction to exercise water right.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:30 Tim Davis, Water Resources Administrator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:15:43 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:15:53 Sen. Hamlett  
00:16:21 Sen. Kaufmann  
00:17:04 Chairman Vincent

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:36 Sen. Hamlett

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 335**

00:18:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hamlett moved that **HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SB 335 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 12-2 by voice vote with Sen. Kaufmann and Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Fielder and Sen. Ripley voted by proxy.

**Committee Business:**

00:19:13 Chairman Vincent

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:30 P.M.

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Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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