

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on April 17, 2009 at 12:15 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Nooney (R), Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

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 343, 4/15/2009

Executive Action: SB 343

00:00:03 Chairman Sesso

HEARING ON SB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Rep. Janna Taylor, HD 11, opened the hearing on SB 343, Regulation of zebra mussel and other invasive species.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:25 Tom Ebzery, Avista Corporation
00:04:35 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:05:15 Mr. Ebzery
00:05:51 Mr. Aagenes

00:06:10 Chairman Sesso

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:43 Rep. Glaser
00:06:54 Chairman Sesso
00:07:15 Rep. Glaser
00:07:56 Chairman Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:25 Rep. Taylor

Discussion:

00:10:42 Chairman Sesso

00:11:14 Recess
01:02:50 Reconvene

Reopened the Hearing on SB 343

HEARING ON SB 343

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:08 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 343, Regulation of zebra mussel and other invasive species.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:11 Jon Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
01:05:22 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Users Association
01:05:41 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts
01:05:57 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
01:06:06 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Senior Water Rights Coalition
01:06:23 Steve Hedstrom, President, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:58 Rep. Getz
01:07:15 Sen. Jackson

Closing by Sponsor: None

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 343

01:08:40 **Motion:** Rep. Glaser moved that **SB 343 DO PASS.**

01:10:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:11:27 Chairman Sesso
01:11:32 Rep. Kasten
01:13:53 Chairman Sesso
01:17:19 Rep. Morgan
01:17:24 Rep. Sesso
01:20:23 Rep. Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

01:21:13 Adjournment: 1:45 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph82aad.pdf](#))