

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on February 1, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Colleen Dever, 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:**

Executive Action: HB 244; HB 256; HB 291; SB 39

00:29:11 Chair J. Bennett

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a05\)](#)

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 244

00:31:14 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **HB 244 DO PASS.**

#### Discussion:

00:31:33 Rep. Connell

00:33:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Connell moved that **HB 244 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a06\)](#)

00:33:34 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **HB 244 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

#### Discussion:

00:33:50 Rep. White

00:35:20 Rep. Court

00:35:34 Rep. Connell

00:37:34 Rep. Court

00:37:44 Rep. Connell

00:40:07 Rep. Eck

00:40:25 Rep. Connell

00:41:02 Rep. Miller

00:41:10 Chair J. Bennett

00:41:29 Mr. Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:42:20 Rep. Shaw

00:43:03 Rep. Miller

00:43:35 Chair J. Bennett

00:44:01 Rep. Miller

00:44:42 Mr. Kolman, LSD

00:45:44 Rep. Miller

00:45:55 Rep. White

00:48:05 Rep. Lynch

00:48:31 Rep. Connell

00:49:15 Rep. Pomnichowski

00:52:30 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:54:10 Rep. Williams

00:55:45 Rep. Connell

00:57:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Court, Rep. Eck, Rep. Lieser, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Miller, Rep. Pomnichowski and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 256**

00:59:03 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 256 DO PASS.**

00:59:35 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 256 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(nah22a07)**

**Discussion:**

00:59:58 Rep. Hoven  
01:00:25 Rep. Miller  
01:01:03 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
01:01:30 Rep. Miller  
01:01:35 Rep. Williams  
01:01:56 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
01:02:17 Chair J. Bennett  
01:02:29 Rep. Hoven  
01:03:12 Rep. Miller  
01:03:27 Mr. Kolman, LSD

01:03:38 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 256 BE AMENDED AND AMENDMENT BE SEGREGATED.**

**Discussion:**

01:04:00 Chair J. Bennett  
01:04:13 Rep. Lieser  
01:04:36 Rep. Hoven  
01:04:45 Rep. White

01:05:21 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 256 DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried 15-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

01:06:07 **Motion:** Rep. Hoven moved that **HB 256 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:06:26 Rep. Hoven  
01:08:08 Rep. Court  
01:09:25 Rep. Hoven  
01:10:06 Rep. Miller  
01:10:33 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
01:10:46 Rep. Court  
01:11:01 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
01:11:21 Rep. Hoven  
01:11:38 Rep. Lynch  
01:12:20 Rep. Doane  
01:12:43 Chair J. Bennett

01:12:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

01:13:55 Rep. Connell

01:14:33 Rep. Williams  
01:15:06 Chair J. Bennett

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 291**

01:15:21 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **HB 291 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:15:37 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
01:16:04 Chair J. Bennett  
01:16:59 Rep. White  
01:18:48 Rep. Shaw  
01:20:14 Rep. Pomnichowski  
01:21:59 Rep. Shaw  
01:22:52 Rep. Pomnichowski  
01:23:54 Chair J. Bennett

01:24:37 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 291 DO PASS** carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 39**

01:25:24 **Motion:** Rep. Connell moved that **SB 39 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:25:35 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
01:26:37 Chair J. Bennett  
01:26:53 Rep. Lieser  
01:27:07 Mr. Kolman, LSD

01:27:34 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 39 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Warburton voted by proxy. Rep. Williams will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:29:18

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Colleen Dever, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah22aad.pdf](#))**