

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on January 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), Rep. Keith Regier (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Zach Brown (D)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, 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.

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 46, 1/5/2015; HB 49, 1/5/2015; HB 62, 1/5/2015

00:00:14 Chairman White

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:36 Rep. Zac Perry (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 49, Revise reporting on state trust lands.

00:02:11 Rep. Zach Brown arrived

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:31 Shawn Thomas, Trust Land Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:20 Rep. Lieser
00:07:48 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
00:08:58 Chairman White
00:09:48 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
00:10:15 Chairman White

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:25 Rep. Perry

HEARING ON HB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:03 Rep. Mitch Tropila (D), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 46, Revise rental payment calculation for commercial lease of state trust land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:51 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:18:14 Linda McCullough, Secretary of State (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:19:09 Will Soller, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:59 Rep. Flynn
00:20:16 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
00:21:10 Rep. Flynn
00:21:30 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
00:21:35 Rep. Court
00:21:53 Will Soller, LAD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:37 Rep. Tropila

HEARING ON HB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:43 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 62, Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:29 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:31:43 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

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00:35:11 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:36:39 Margaret Morgan, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

00:38:38 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperative Association (MECA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:47 Rep. Bob Brown

00:40:41 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:41:38 Rep. Bob Brown

00:42:00 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:42:29 Rep. Flynn

00:42:59 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:43:55 Rep. Staffanson

00:44:17 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

00:45:09 Rep. Staffanson

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Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:14 Rep. Virginia Court

00:49:04 Chairman White

00:50:55 Rep. Staffanson

ADJOURNMENT

00:51:48 Adjournment:

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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