

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on January 28, 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. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (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. Keith Regier (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 270, 1/22/2015; SB 58, 1/22/2015

00:00:04 Chairman White

HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:50 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 270, Generally revise water discharge laws regarding nutrients.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:50 George Mathieus, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:08:19 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:11:04 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association (MMA)
00:13:54 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association
00:14:37 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:56 Jim Jensen, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:19:03 Rep. Regier arrived

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:58 Rep. Lieser
00:23:41 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:29:54 Rep. Olsen
00:30:49 Dave Galt, MPA
00:33:09 Rep. Olsen
00:33:15 Dave Galt, MPA
00:34:28 Rep. Olsen
00:35:02 Dave Galt, MPA
00:35:23 Rep. Dunwell
00:36:04 Rep. Richmond
00:36:19 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:38:02 Rep. Dunwell
00:38:17 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:39:33 Rep. Williams
00:39:50 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:40:27 Rep. Williams
00:40:46 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:41:03 Rep. Williams
00:41:32 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:42:30 Rep. Staffanson
00:42:57 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:43:07 Rep. Court
00:43:53 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:44:30 Rep. Court
00:45:07 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:46:26 Rep. Olsen
00:47:09 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:48:24 Rep. Williams

00:49:11 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:50:06 Rep. Williams
00:50:33 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:50:50 Rep. Bob Brown
00:51:27 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:52:30 Rep. Bob Brown
00:53:09 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:54:12 Chairman White
00:54:55 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:56:02 Rep. Zach Brown
00:56:22 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:56:48 Rep. Dunwell
00:57:46 George Mathieus, DEQ
00:58:42 Rep. Bennett
00:59:00 George Mathieus, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:34 Rep. Richmond

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:10 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 58, Revise public notice for certain water rights.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:59 Tim Davis, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
01:07:33 Holly Franz, PPL Montana
01:08:35 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
01:09:11 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:10:10 Jack Walsh, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
01:10:39 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:42 Sen. Connell

01:12:25 Chairman
01:12:50 Rep. Liesier

01:13:15 Recess
01:24:18 Reconvenned

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 5

01:24:25 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HJ 5 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:24:30 Chairman White

01:26:20 Rep. Lieser

01:27:50 Rep. Williams

01:28:50 Chairman White

01:29:17 Rep. Williams

01:29:44 Rep. Bob Brown

01:30:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Lieser, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Williams voting no.

01:32:34 Chairman White

ADJOURNMENT

01:33:44 Adjournment

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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