

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 4, 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. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 329, 1/29/2015; HB 340, 1/29/2015

00:00:18 Chairman White

HEARING ON HB 340

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:48 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 340, Require federal government to comply with air quality laws in Montana.

[EXHIBIT\(nah25a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah25a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:16 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:14:36 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Conservation Voters

Informational Testimony:

00:15:07 Ted Mead, Bureau Chief for Fire and Aviation, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:15:27 David Klemp, Chief of the Air Quality Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:15:46 Dave Schultz, Commissioner in Madison County, President of Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:39 Rep. Dunwell

00:17:23 Rep. Burnett

00:18:11 Rep. Lieser

00:18:42 Rep. Burnett

00:19:50 Rep. Lieser

00:20:26 David Klemp, DEQ

00:22:42 Rep. Lieser

00:23:32 Ted Mead, DNRC

00:24:41 Rep. McConnell

00:24:57 Rep. Williams arrived

00:25:00 Rep. Burnett

00:25:21 Rep. McConnell

00:25:28 Rep. Burnett

00:26:06 Rep. McConnell

00:26:13 Rep. Burnett

00:26:23 David Klemp, DEQ

00:27:09 Rep. McConnell

00:27:22 David Klemp, DEQ

00:27:38 Rep. Staffanson

00:28:14 David Klemp, DEQ

00:29:28 Rep. Noland

00:30:20 Anne Hedges, MEIC

00:30:52 Rep. Noland
00:31:03 Ted Mead, DNRC
00:32:07 Rep. Noland
00:32:13 Dave Schultz, MACO
00:33:21 Rep. Williams
00:34:08 Dave Schultz, MACO
00:35:44 Chairman White
00:36:47 David Klemp, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:21 Rep. Burnett

00:38:28 Recess
00:38:59 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 329**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:12 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 329, Generally revise laws related to state lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:41 Shawn Thomas, Trust Lands Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:46:02 Clayton Elliott, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)
00:47:11 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
00:48:09 Amy Seaman, Montana Audobon
00:49:17 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:50:41 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
00:51:14 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:53:15 Dave Schultz, Commissioner in Madison County, President of the Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:09 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:55:40 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
00:56:09 Rep. Fitzpatrick
00:56:17 Dave Schultz, MACO
00:57:38 Rep. Flynn
00:58:21 Rep. Welborn
00:59:46 Rep. Flynn
01:00:19 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
01:00:29 Rep. Flynn
01:00:52 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
01:01:13 Rep. Flynn
01:01:19 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:01:42 Rep. Lieser
01:01:58 Joe Kolman, LSD
01:02:03 Rep. Lieser
01:02:28 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
01:03:09 Rep. Lieser
01:03:21 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
01:03:30 Rep. Shaw
01:03:46 Dave Schultz, MACO
01:05:22 Rep. Manzella
01:05:47 Rep. Welborn
01:06:08 Rep. Manzella
01:06:20 Dave Schultz, MACO
01:07:34 Rep. Williams
01:09:23 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
01:10:15 Rep. Williams
01:10:37 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
01:10:41 Rep. Williams
01:10:57 Rep. Welborn
01:12:17 Rep. Williams
01:12:55 Rep. Welborn
01:13:10 Rep. Williams
01:13:16 Rep. Welborn
01:13:34 Rep. Staffanson
01:13:55 Rep. Welborn
01:15:02 Rep. Dunwell
01:15:24 Rep. Welborn
01:16:34 Rep. Flynn
01:17:24 Dave Schultz, MACO
01:19:14 Rep. Flynn
01:19:59 Dave Schultz, MACO
01:20:36 Rep. Williams
01:21:30 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
01:21:36 Rep. Bob Brown
01:22:05 Rep. Welborn
01:23:44 Rep. Flynn
01:24:22 Rep. Welborn
01:24:37 Ben Lamb, NWF

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:05 Rep. Welborn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

01:27:44 Chairman White
01:27:58 Joe Kolman, LSD
01:29:20 Chairman White

01:29:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Manzella and Rep. Regier voting no. Rep. Court voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

01:31:35 Chairman White
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ADJOURNMENT

01:33:44 Adjournment

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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