

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Kerry White, on March 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ed Lieser, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (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. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**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.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 96, 2/24/2015; SB 56, 2/24/2015; SB 136, 2/24/2015

Executive Action: SB 96

00:00:13 Chariman White  
00:00:48 Brief Recess  
00:05:16 Chairman White

### HEARING ON SB 96

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:52 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 96, Revise the controlled allocation of liability laws.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:56 Sen. Brenden, Senate District 17  
00:12:59 Jenny Chambers, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
00:17:22 Rep. Court arrived  
00:17:43 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)  
00:19:19 Rep. Jerry Bennett arrived  
00:19:46 Shelbi Dantic, Montana Conservation Voters

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:24 Rep. Williams  
00:21:01 Jenny Chambers, DEQ

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00:22:59 Rep. Bob Brown  
00:23:50 Ann Hedges, MEIC  
00:24:16 Rep. Lieser  
00:24:40 Jenny Chambers, DEQ  
00:25:23 Rep. Lieser  
00:25:35 Jenny Chambers, DEQ  
00:26:13 Chairman White  
00:26:46 Jenny Chambers, DEQ  
00:27:39 Chairman White  
00:28:28 Sen. Keane  
00:29:16 Chairman White  
00:29:26 Sen. Keane  
00:32:25 Rep. Williams  
00:32:37 Sen. Keane

#### Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:50 Sen. Keane

00:33:22 Rep. Fitzpatrick arrived

**HEARING ON SB 56****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:27 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 56, Revise river bed laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:17 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI), Senior Water Rights Coalition (SWRC)

00:40:19 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:41:14 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

00:42:19 John Grimm, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:42:38 Rep. Lieser

00:43:02 John Grimm, DNRC

00:43:33 Rep. Lieser

00:43:42 John Grimm, DNRC

00:44:17 Rep. Lieser

00:44:31 John Grimm, DNRC

00:44:53 Rep. Flynn

00:45:22 John Grimm, DNRC

00:45:42 Rep. Jerry Bennett

00:46:23 John Grimm, DNRC

00:46:58 Rep. Olsen

00:47:41 John Grimm, DNRC

00:48:08 Rep. Olsen

00:48:19 John Grimm, DNRC

00:48:28 Rep. Olsen

00:48:43 John Grimm, DNRC

00:48:56 Rep. Williams

00:49:52 John Grimm, DNRC

00:50:31 Rep. Williams

00:50:58 Krista Lee Evans, AGAI

00:51:38 Rep. Williams

00:51:51 Krista Lee Evans, AGAI

00:52:10 Rep. Williams

00:52:50 Krista Lee Evans

00:53:39 Rep. Williams

00:53:48 Rep. Dunwell

00:54:30 John Grimm, DNRC

00:54:37 Rep. Dunwell

00:54:46 John Grimm, DNRC

00:54:54 Rep. Dunwell

00:55:06 John Grimm, DNRC

00:55:22 Rep. Dunwell  
00:55:41 John Grimm, DNRC  
00:56:04 Chairman White  
00:56:43 Krista Lee Evans, AGAI  
00:57:19 Chairman White  
00:57:31 Krista Lee Evans, AGAI  
00:57:50 Rep. Williams  
00:58:15 John Grimm, DNRC  
00:58:41 Rep. Williams  
00:59:08 John Grimm, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:41 Sen. Hamlett

**HEARING ON SB 136**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:03:34 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 136, Generally revise hazardous waste fees.

**[EXHIBIT\(nah48a02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:06:56 Dexter Busby, Calumet Montana Refining  
01:10:47 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)  
01:12:02 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
01:12:20 John DeArment, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:12:54 Steve Brown, Montana Environmental Trust Group

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:10 Rep. Zach Brown  
01:15:40 Steve Brown, Montana Environmental Trust Group  
01:16:16 Rep. Williams  
01:17:03 John DeArment, DEQ  
01:17:30 Rep. Williams  
01:17:48 John DeArment, DEQ  
01:18:05 Rep. Williams  
01:18:23 Sen. Hamlett  
01:19:17 Rep. Williams

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:19:40 Sen. Hamlett

01:21:19 Chairman White  
01:22:13 Recess  
01:23:49 Rep. Regier arrived  
01:34:12 Reconvened

01:34:40 Chairman White

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96**

01:35:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 96 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. White will carry the bill.

01:35:50 Chairman White  
01:36:42 Rep. Lieser  
01:37:21 Chairman White  
01:38:53 Rep. Olsen  
01:39:11 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
01:39:23 Rep. Olsen  
01:39:43 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:42:35 Rep. McConnell  
01:42:54 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:43:31 Chairman White  
01:43:36 Rep. McConnell  
01:44:06 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:44:35 Rep. McConnell  
01:45:30 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:45:55 Chairman White  
01:46:54 Rep. Shaw  
01:47:09 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:47:20 Chairman White  
01:47:28 Rep. Dunwell  
01:47:42 Joe Kolman, LSD  
01:48:00 Chairman White

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:49:08      Adjournment

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nah48aad.pdf](#))**