

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on March 16, 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. 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. Scott Staffanson (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

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: HB 590, 2/24/2015; SB 102, 2/24/2015; HB 510, 2/24/2015;

00:00:15 Chairman White

HEARING ON HB 590

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 590, Revise state finance laws to received proceeds from Libby Dam water storage/use.

EXHIBIT(nah54a01)

00:01:51 Rep. Olsen arrived

00:03:08 Rep. Williams arrived

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:20 Rep. McConnell
00:15:42 Rep. Cuffe
00:16:37 Rep. McConnell
00:16:56 Rep. Cuffe
00:17:20 Rep. Flynn
00:17:38 Rep. Cuffe
00:18:06 Rep. Flynn
00:18:27 Rep. Cuffe
00:19:54 Rep. Lieser
00:20:55 Rep. Cuffe
00:21:37 Rep. Lieser
00:21:56 Rep. Cuffe
00:22:07 Rep. Lieser
00:22:29 Rep. Cuffe
00:23:41 Rep. Lieser
00:23:55 Rep. Cuffe
00:24:02 Rep. Olsen
00:25:28 Rep. Cuffe
00:27:44 Rep. Olsen
00:28:07 Rep. Cuffe
00:28:59 Rep. Olsen
00:29:12 Rep. Cuffe
00:31:04 Rep. Olsen
00:31:36 Rep. Cuffe
00:32:44 Rep. Flynn
00:33:39 Rep. Cuffe
00:34:38 Rep. Regier arrived
00:37:48 Rep. Williams
00:38:05 Rep. Cuffe
00:38:51 Rep. Williams

00:39:18 Rep. Cuffe
00:39:31 Rep. Williams
00:39:45 Rep. Cuffe
00:39:50 Rep. Williams
00:39:56 Rep. Cuffe
00:40:47 Rep. Williams
00:40:58 Rep. Cuffe
00:41:02 Rep. Bob Brown
00:41:35 Rep. Cuffe
00:41:44 Rep. Bob Brown
00:41:51 Rep. Cuffe
00:42:22 Chairman White
00:42:30 Rep. Cuffe
00:42:36 Chairman White

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:47 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON SB 102**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:05 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 102, Revise air quality fee structure laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:48 David Klemp, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:52:34 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah54a02\)](#)

00:53:30 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association
00:54:19 Jessica Sena, Montana Petroleum Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:58 Chairman White
00:55:40 David Klemp, DEQ
00:55:54 Chairman White
00:56:38 David Klemp, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:24 Sen. Ankney

HEARING ON HB 510**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:59:32 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 510, Assist local governments with federal land projects.

EXHIBIT(nah54a03)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:03:54 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

01:04:36 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:17 Bob Harrington, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

01:08:53 Becky Docktor, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:13:31 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:54 Rep. McConnell
01:16:15 Rep. Redfield
01:16:18 Rep. McConnell
01:16:28 Rep. Redfield
01:16:47 Rep. Williams
01:17:13 Rep. Redfield
01:17:24 Rep. Williams
01:17:39 Rep. Redfield
01:17:44 Rep. Williams
01:18:15 Rep. Redfield
01:18:31 Rep. Williams
01:18:39 Rep. Redfield
01:18:53 Chairman White
01:19:14 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:19:29 Chairman White
01:21:03 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:22:33 Chairman White
01:23:39 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:24:54 Chairman White
01:25:52 Becky Docktor, FWP
01:25:00 Chairman White
01:26:26 Becky Docktor, FWP
01:26:48 Chairman White
01:27:34 Becky Docktor, FWP

EXHIBIT(nah54a04)

01:28:16 Rep. Lieser

01:29:46 Rep. Redfield

Closing by Sponsor:

01:30:53 Rep. Redfield

01:31:45 Chairman White

[EXHIBIT\(nah54a05\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

01:33:24 Adjournment

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah54aad.pdf](#))