

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on January 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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, 1/12/2015; SB 102, 1/12/2015

Executive Action: SB 88 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 82 - Do Pass
SB 57 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 96 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 102 - Do Pass

Committee Business:

00:01:00 Chairman Vincent
00:01:25 Sen Brenden
00:01:40 Chairman Vincent

00:01:50 Sen. Phillips left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 96**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:01 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 96, Revise the controlled allocation of liability laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:11 Jenny Chambers, administrator, Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:11:04 Mark Lambrecht, executive director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)
00:12:02 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association (MMA)
00:13:04 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:14:28 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)
00:14:58 Ronda Wiggers, Barrick Golden Sunlight Mine (BGSM)
00:15:38 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:29 Sen. Hoven
00:16:52 Ms. Chambers, DEQ
00:17:39 Sen. Hoven
00:17:45 Ms. Chambers
00:18:18 Sen. Hoven
00:18:30 Ms. Chambers

[EXHIBIT\(nas13a01\)](#)

00:19:28 Chairman Vincent
00:19:50 Ms. Chambers

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:29 Sen. Keane
[EXHIBIT\(nas13a02\)](#)

HEARING ON SB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:52 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 102, Revise air quality fee structure laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:56 David Klemp, bureau chief, Air Resources Management Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT(nas13a03)

00:32:11 David Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:33:54 Mark Lambrecht, executive director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

00:34:58 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:36:04 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

EXHIBIT(nas13a04)

00:36:59 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:26 Sen. Brenden

00:37:40 Sen. Ankney

00:37:48 Sen. Ripley

00:38:08 Sen. Ankney

00:38:14 Mr. Klemp, DEQ

00:38:31 Chairman Vincent

00:38:40 Mr. Klemp

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:06 Sen. Ankney

00:40:24 Recess

00:45:15 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 88

00:45:47 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 88 DO PASS.**

00:46:01 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 88 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:46:35 Sonja Nowakowski, legislative research analyst, Legislative Services Division
(LSD)

EXHIBIT(nas13a05)

00:47:11 Sen. Brenden

00:47:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

00:48:07 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 88 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:48:12 Sen. Hamlett

00:48:37 Sen. Brenden

00:48:49 Sen. Hamlett

00:49:09 Sen. Brenden

00:49:14 Sen. Hamlett

00:49:38 Sen. Brenden

00:50:23 Chairman Vincent

00:50:46 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

00:51:21 Sen. Hamlett

00:51:30 Chairman Vincent

00:51:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82

00:52:28 **Motion:** Sen. Hamlett moved that **SB 82 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:52:46 Sen. Keane

00:53:05 Chairman Vincent

00:53:11 Sen. Hamlett

00:53:17 Chairman Vincent

00:53:28 Sen. Keane

00:54:10 Sen. Fielder

00:55:03 Sen. Larsen

00:55:37 Sen. Hamlett

00:59:26 Sen. Ripley

01:01:15 Sen. Ankney

01:01:54 Chairman Vincent

01:04:31 Sen. Brenden

01:06:53 Chairman Vincent

01:07:26 Sen. Ripley

01:08:36 Sen. Connell

01:10:32 Sen. Brenden

01:12:20 Sen. Keane

01:13:32 Chairman Vincent

01:14:35 Sen Hamlett

01:16:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Kaufmann and Sen. Keane voting no. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 57

01:17:58 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 57 DO PASS.**

01:18:27 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 57 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nas13a06)

Discussion:

01:19:15 Sen. Fielder

01:19:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

01:19:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 57 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 96

01:20:18 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 96 DO PASS.**

01:21:00 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
EXHIBIT(nas13a07)

01:21:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 96 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

01:21:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 96 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 102

01:22:18 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 102 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:22:44 Chairman Vincent

01:23:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Kaufmann voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

01:23:40 Chairman Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:24 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas13aad.pdf](#))