

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 16, 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) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Brian Hoven (R) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Jim Keane (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: None

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 218, 2/12/2015

00:01:49 Sen. Kaufmann entered the hearing.

00:01:59 Sen. Keane entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 218

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:09 Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 218, Increase bond for certain metal mines.

00:02:29 Sen. Hoven, Sen. Larsen, Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:06 Bonnie Gestring, Earthworks (EW)

00:08:44 Bruce Farling, executive director, Montana Trout Unlimited (TU)

[EXHIBIT\(nas35a01\)](#)

00:13:44 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

00:16:44 Marissa Lencioni, self

[EXHIBIT\(nas35a02\)](#)

00:18:56 Anna Lindstrand, self

00:20:11 Chairman Vincent left the hearing. Vice Chair Ripley assumed the roll as Chair.

00:20:19 John Borgreen, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:21:42 Curtis Thompson, self

00:29:25 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club

00:33:05 Steve Gilbert, self

00:36:51 Sam Milodragovich, self

00:38:10 Mike Geary, fishing outfitter

00:38:38 Joe Gotkoski, president, Montana Rivers

00:40:39 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:41:04 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

00:43:20 Neal Ullman, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

00:43:36 Jake Brown, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

00:44:09 Michael Enk, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:18 KD Feedback, CR Montana Corporation

00:48:30 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

00:59:33 Mark Lambrecht, executive director, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)

01:00:51 Ronda Wiggers, Barrick Golden Sunlight Mines (BGSM)

01:04:33 Leonard Wortman, chair, Jefferson County Commission

01:05:14 Haley Beaudry, self

01:09:58 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:10:34 Dan Happel, self

Informational Testimony:

01:12:53 Warren McCullough, chief, Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:29 Sen. Keane
 01:13:44 Mr. McCullough, DEQ
 01:13:52 Sen. Phillips
 01:14:17 Mr. McCullough
 01:14:32 Sen. Phillips
 01:14:57 Mr. McCullough
 01:15:46 Sen. Fielder
 01:16:11 Mr. McCullough
 01:16:27 Sen. Fielder
 01:16:39 Mr. McCullough
 01:16:44 Sen. Fielder
 01:16:51 Mr. McCullough
 01:17:01 Sen. Fielder
 01:17:18 Mr. McCullough
 01:17:24 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:17:50 Ms. Gestring, EW
 01:18:29 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:18:43 Ms. Gestring
 01:19:36 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:20:15 Mr. Johnson, MEIC
 01:21:08 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:21:24 Mr. Johnson
 01:21:50 Sen. Hoven
 01:22:27 Ms. Wiggers, BGSM
 01:22:40 Sen. Hoven
 01:24:16 Mr. Beaudry, self
 01:26:06 Sen. Hoven
 01:26:19 Mr. Beaudry
 01:26:39 Sen. Larsen
 01:27:09 Mr. McCullough
 01:27:57 Sen. Larsen
 01:28:30 Mr. McCullough
 01:29:56 Sen. Larsen
 01:30:09 Mr. McCullough
 01:30:28 Sen. Larsen
 01:30:50 Mr. McCullough
 01:31:04 Sen. Keane
 01:31:36 Ms. Seaman, MA
 01:32:11 Sen. Keane
 01:32:20 Ms. Seaman

01:32:33	Sen. Keane
01:32:44	Sen. Kaufmann
01:33:20	Mr. Farling, TU
01:34:21	Sen. Kaufmann
01:34:35	Mr. Farling
01:35:03	Sen. Fielder
01:35:55	Mr. McCullough
01:37:00	Sen. Fielder
01:37:32	Sen. Sheehy Moe
01:37:43	Sen. Ankney
01:38:29	Mr. Johnson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:02	Sen. Sheehy Moe
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:48 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas35aad.pdf](#))