

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Chas Vincent, on March 25, 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)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mike Phillips (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:**

Executive Action: SB 326 - Do Pass as Amended  
SB 409 - Do Pass as Amended

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 326**

00:01:33 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 326 DO PASS.**

00:01:48 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 326 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(nas62a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:02:39 Sen. Fielder  
 00:05:42 Chairman Vincent  
 00:07:49 Sen. Larsen  
 00:08:07 Chairman Vincent  
 00:08:48 Sen. Connell  
 00:09:33 Chairman Vincent  
 00:09:49 Sen. Kaufmann  
 00:10:06 Sen. Brenden  
 00:10:24 Chairman Vincent  
 00:10:52 Shawn Thomas, administrator, Trust Land Management Division, Department of  
 Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
 00:11:31 Chairman Vincent  
 00:11:37 Sen. Brenden  
 00:11:48 Chairman Vincent  
 00:12:01 Sen. Brenden  
 00:12:06 Mr. Thomas, DNRC  
 00:12:57 Sen. Brenden  
 00:13:20 Sen. Ripley  
 00:13:48 Chairman Vincent  
 00:13:57 Sen. Ripley  
  
 00:14:35 Sen. Hamlett entered the hearing.  
  
 00:14:48 Sen. Connell  
 00:15:35 Sen. Fielder  
 00:16:03 Sen. Ripley  
 00:16:37 Chairman Vincent

00:18:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:18:06 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 326 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:18:23 Sen. Ripley  
 00:18:38 Sen. Keane  
 00:19:12 Chairman Vincent  
  
 00:19:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:19:56 Vice Chair Ripley assumed the role as chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 409**

00:20:43 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 409 DO PASS.**

00:21:25 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 409 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(nas62a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:22:07 Sen. Brenden

00:22:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

00:22:30 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **SB 409 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:22:38 Sen. Keane

00:22:41 Sen. Vincent

00:23:17 Sen. Kaufmann

00:23:57 Sen. Keane

00:24:11 Sen. Vincent

00:24:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Phillips was excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:28 P.M.

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Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([nas62aad.pdf](#))**