

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on January 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Jacie Vonada, 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 56, 1/4/2019; HB 119, 1/4/2019

15:00:00 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:35 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 119, Increase bond and fees for the Hazard Reduction Agreement program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:09 Matt Arno, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:06:53 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

15:08:22 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group (IFG)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:36 Rep. Gunderson
15:10:53 Matt Arno, DNRC
15:11:04 Rep. Gunderson
15:11:23 Matt Arno, DNRC
15:11:32 Roger Ziesak, DNRC
15:12:01 Rep. Gunderson
15:12:39 Roger Ziesak, DNRC
15:13:14 Chair White
15:14:48 Julia Altemus, MWPA
15:15:26 Chair White
15:16:28 Matt Arno, DNRC
15:17:06 Chair White
15:17:34 Julia Altemus
15:17:47 Chair White
15:18:02 Julia Altemus
15:18:12 Chair White
15:18:33 Jessie Luther, IFG
15:18:47 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

15:18:58 Rep. Loge

15:20:50 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:21:19 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 56, Revise and clarify voluntary clean-up laws and extend groundwater cleanup time.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:51 Aimee Reynolds, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:27:53 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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15:29:01 Julia Altemus, MWPA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:30:02 Chair White

15:31:22 Aimee Reynolds, DEQ

15:32:10 Chair White

15:32:19 Rep. Zach Brown

15:32:54 Mark Bostrom, DNRC

15:33:39 Chair White

15:33:55 Rep. Bob Brown

15:34:43 Aimee Reynolds, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

15:35:47 Rep. Keane

15:36:11 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:37:16

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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