

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on January 28, 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. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

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

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 30, 1/16/2019; HB 34, 1/16/2019

15:00:00 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:51 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 34, Create a statutory appropriation for Good Neighbor Authority agreement income.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:35 Sonya Germann, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah16a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah16a02\)](#)

15:10:45 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPS)

15:12:56 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

15:14:48 Ray Prill, Fire Safe Montana

15:17:51 Al Christophersen, self

15:19:22 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group

15:20:58 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)

15:21:41 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

15:22:15 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:22:53 Collin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

15:23:19 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

15:23:41 Mark Baker, Weyerhaeuser

15:24:41 Rep. Curdy entered the room.

15:24:49 Chair White

15:25:05 Mark Baker, Weyerhaeuser

15:25:25 Sen. Mike Cuffe

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:28:46 Rep. Zach Brown

15:29:17 Julia Altemus, MWPS

15:29:54 Chair White

15:31:09 Rep. Jim Keane

15:32:10 Chair White

15:32:53 Sonya Germann, DNRC

15:34:16 Chair White

15:35:27 Jason Todhunter, MLA

15:37:12 Vice Chair Curdy

15:37:46 Sonya Germann, DNRC

15:38:44 Vice Chair Curdy

15:39:45 Julia Altemus, MWPS

15:41:03 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

15:41:41 Sonya Germann, DNRC
15:42:24 Rep. Fitzgerald
15:43:18 Sonya Germann, DNRC
15:44:21 Rep. Fitzgerald
15:44:56 Sonya Germann, DNRC
15:45:11 Rep. Noland
15:45:27 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
15:46:08 Sonya Germann, DNRC
15:47:22 Rep. Bob Brown
15:48:06 Julia Altemus, MWPS

Closing by Sponsor:

15:48:40 Rep. Jim Keane

15:51:17 Chair White

15:52:05 Rep. Casey Knudsen left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:52:32 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 30, Revise Libby asbestos superfund laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:56:22 Tom Stoops, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
15:58:07 Sen. Mike Cuffe

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:00:12 Vice Chair, Curdy
16:02:30 Tom Stoops, DEQ
16:04:30 Rep. Marler
16:04:52 Rep. Gunderson
16:05:41 Rep. Marler
16:06:08 Rep. Gunderson
16:06:39 Chair White
16:07:50 Rep. Gunderson
16:08:27 Rep. Marler
16:08:52 Rep. Gunderson
16:09:07 Rep. Marler
16:09:34 Rep. Gunderson
16:10:18 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:11:07 Tom Stoops, DEQ
16:12:59 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:13:14 Sen. Mike Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

16:15:33 Rep. Gunderson

16:18:39 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:19:02

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah16aad.pdf](#))