

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Kerry White, on February 1, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)  
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. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Mark Noland (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: SB 34, 1/28/2019; HB 70, 1/10/2019  
Executive Action: HB 30, HB 34, HB 44, HB 45, HB 58, and HB 80

14:59:53 Chair White

15:01:12 Rep. Noland arrived to the meeting

### **HEARING ON HB 70**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:34 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 70, Increase the amount of green timber that can be harvested by commercial permit.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:54 Dan Rogers, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

15:07:28 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

15:09:14 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

15:09:57 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group (IFG)

15:10:43 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

#### **Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:11:46 Rep. Gunderson

15:12:06 Mr. Rogers, DNRC

15:13:44 Rep. Gunderson

15:13:53 Mr. Rogers, DNRC

15:14:23 Rep. Gunderson

15:14:35 Mr. Rogers, DNRC

15:15:01 Rep. Farris-Olsen

15:15:27 Mr. Rogers, DNRC

15:15:40 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:16:01 Mr. Rogers, DNRC

15:17:21 Rep. Bob Brown

15:17:51 Mr. Todhunter, MLA

15:18:38 Chair White

15:18:53 Mr. Todhunter, MLA

15:19:56 Chair White

15:20:15 Mr. Todhunter, MLA

15:20:29 Chair White

15:20:51 Shawn Thomas, Trust Land Management Program (TLMP)

15:22:19 Chair White

15:22:38 Mr. Thomas, TLMP

15:22:53 Chair White

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

15:23:28 Rep. Shaw

**HEARING ON SB 34****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:24:12 Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 34, Revise hearings process for change of water right application.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:26:53 Millie Heffner, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
15:28:36 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SrWRC) and Association  
Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:30:18 Chair White  
15:30:40 Ms. Heffner, DNRC  
15:30:52 Chair White  
15:31:12 Ms. Heffner, DNRC  
15:32:00 Chair White  
15:32:24 Ms. Heffner, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:32:49 Sen. Flowers  
  
15:33:15 Chair White  
  
15:33:50 Recessed  
15:59:00 Reconvened  
15:59:24 Chair White

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 30**

15:59:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gunderson moved that **HB 30 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:00:29 Chair White  
16:00:37 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34**

16:01:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 34 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 44**

16:02:17 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 44 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:02:28 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:04:17 Rep. Zach Brown

16:05:22 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:05:37 Chair White

16:05:50 Rep. Bob Brown

16:06:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-3 by roll call vote with Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Noland voting no. Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45**

16:07:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 45 DO PASS.** Motion carried 13-2 by roll call vote with Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Noland voting no. Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 58**

16:09:46 **Motion:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 58 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:09:50 Rep. Zach Brown

16:10:10 Chair White

16:10:31 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 58 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(nah20a01)**

**Discussion:**

16:10:47 Chair White

16:11:33 Rep. Zach Brown

16:11:40 Rep. Marler

16:12:05 Chair White

16:12:34 Rep. Farris-Olsen

16:13:04 Chair White

16:13:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no. Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:14:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 58 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 80**

16:15:05 **Motion:** Rep. Curdy moved that **HB 80 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:15:22 Vice Chair Curdy  
16:16:16 Chair White  
16:17:44 Rep. Curdy  
16:18:06 Ms. Heffner, DNRC  
16:18:50 Chair White

16:19:08 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mortensen made a substitute motion that **HB 80 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:21:34

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Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nah20aad.pdf](#))