

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 4, 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. 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: None

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 32, 1/24/2019
Executive Action: HB 57, HB 220, HB 70, and HJ 4

15:03:04 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:40 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 32, Revise laws related to aquatic invasive species programs.

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:13:53 Bryce Christiaens, Missoula County

[EXHIBIT\(nah22a05\)](#)

15:15:27 Rachel Frost, Missouri River Districts Council
 15:15:57 Steve Wanderaas, Conservation Districts
 15:16:57 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
 15:18:58 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
 15:20:16 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperative Association (MECA)
 15:20:44 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coaliton (SrWRC), and Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)
 15:21:12 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
 15:22:39 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 15:24:09 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
 15:24:57 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resource Association (TSRA)
 15:25:30 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
 15:26:11 Dan McGowan, Executive Director, Montana Association Conservation Districts

Opponents' Testimony:

15:28:24 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited
 15:35:44 Tom Livers, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
 15:37:02 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
 15:38:44 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 15:39:13 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

15:40:28 Mike Volesky, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 15:41:11 John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
 15:41:45 Chair White
 15:41:56 Mr. Volesky, FWP
 15:42:08 Director Tubbs, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:42:40 Chair White
 15:43:46 Rep. Curdy
 15:44:06 Stephanie Hester, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
 15:44:48 Chair White

15:45:43 Ms. Hester, DNRC
15:46:08 Tom Woolf, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
15:46:45 Chair White
15:47:39 Jordan Thompson, CSKT
15:48:47 Chair White
15:50:06 Ms. Evans, SrWRC, AGAI
15:51:02 Chair White
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15:53:27 Ms. Evans, SrWRC, AGAI
15:54:19 Chair White
15:54:52 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:54:54 Chair White
15:55:00 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:55:08 Chair White
15:55:14 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:55:18 Chair White
15:55:46 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:57:01 Chair White
15:57:13 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:57:21 Chair White
15:57:29 Rep. Marler
15:59:15 Rep. Curdy
16:01:44 Chair White
16:01:54 Rep. Marler
16:02:23 Chair White
16:04:50 Mr. Elliott, MTU
16:05:05 Chair White
16:05:54 Mr. Elliott, MTU
16:06:48 Chair White
16:07:52 Mr. Volesky, FWP
16:07:56 Chair White
16:08:47 Mr. Volesky, FWP
16:09:57 Chair White
16:10:17 Mr. Volesky, FWP
16:10:38 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:11:54 Mr. Woolf, FWP
16:12:11 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:12:44 Mr. Woolf, FWP
16:13:18 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:13:30 Mr. Woolf, FWP
16:14:22 Rep. Zach Brown
16:15:48 Director Tubbs
16:19:52 Chair White
16:20:45 Mr. Murphy, MWRA
16:21:13 Chair White
16:22:34 Mr. Murphy, MWRA
16:22:49 Rep. Marler

16:23:13 Chair White
16:24:45 Rep. Gunderson
16:25:42 Mr. Elliott, MTU
16:25:59 Rep. Gunderson
16:26:11 Mr. Elliott, MTU

Closing by Sponsor:

16:27:42 Rep. Curdy

16:34:19 Chair White
16:35:47 Rep. Zach Brown
16:36:02 Rep. Curdy
16:36:17 Chair White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57

16:45:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Z. Brown moved that **HB 57 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:45:50 Rep. Mortensen
16:46:10 Chair White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 220

16:46:46 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 220 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:46:55 Chair White
16:47:09 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:48:00 Rep. Zach Brown
16:48:33 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:48:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 70

16:49:02 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 70 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:49:11 Rep. Curdy
16:49:35 Chair White
16:49:45 Rep. Bob Brown

16:50:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 4

16:50:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HJ 4 DO PASS**. 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.

16:52:25 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:53:14

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah22aad.pdf](#))