

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 6, 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. 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. Zach Brown (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 229, 1/22/2019

15:01:06 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 229

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:05:42 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 229, Clarify dinosaur bones and fossils are part of surface estate.

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:18:58 Karen Porter, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a03\)](#)

15:22:04 John Scannella, Museum of the Rockies (MOR)

15:24:04 Amy Atwater, Museum of the Rockies (MOR)

15:26:21 Jim Shaffer, Judith River Dinosaur Institute

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a04\)](#)

15:28:45 Shana Baisch, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a05\)](#)

15:31:36 Justin Baisch, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a06\)](#)

15:34:07 Clayton Phipps, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a09\)](#)

15:35:29 Rep. Casey Knudsen left the meeting.

15:36:10 Luke Phipps, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a11\)](#)

15:37:12 Lyle LaVoie, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a12\)](#)

15:39:13 Susan Frary, self

15:41:37 Stacia Martineau, Two Medicine Dinosaur Center

15:43:58 Mary Ann Murray, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a13\)](#)

15:46:34 Lige M. Murray, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a14\)](#)

15:48:53 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Association

15:49:30 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

15:50:22 Scott Grosskopf, self

15:50:34 Rep. Zach Brown arrived to the meeting.

15:52:39 Cory Coverdell, Two Medicine Dinosaur Center

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a16\)](#)

15:54:18 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

15:56:12 Beth Hinebauch, self

15:56:46 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18

Opponents' Testimony:

15:57:59 Tom Ebzery, BEJ Minerals

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a17\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a18\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a19\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a20\)](#)

16:04:41 Jerry Severson, self

16:07:06 Robert E. "Bo" Severson, self

16:09:18 Shane Swindle, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a21\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a22\)](#)

16:13:10 Rep. Curdy left the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

16:16:06 Victor Bjornberg, Montana Dinosaur Trail

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a23\)](#)

16:18:58 John Metesh, Director, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

16:19:19 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:19:32 Rep. Gunderson

16:20:09 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:20:20 Rep. Gunderson

16:20:32 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:20:59 Vice Chair Manzella

16:21:38 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:22:00 Vice Chair Manzella

16:22:14 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:22:41 Rep. Gunderson

16:23:15 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:23:38 Rep. Gunderson

16:24:10 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:24:50 Rep. Marler

16:25:31 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:25:55 Rep. Marler

16:26:08 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

16:26:20 Chair White
16:27:00 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
16:27:52 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:28:24 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
16:28:32 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:29:02 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
16:30:25 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:31:08 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
16:31:36 Rep. Bob Brown
16:32:20 Mr. Ebzery, BEJ Minerals
16:33:05 Rep. Bob Brown
16:33:29 Mr. Ebzery, BEJ Minerals
16:34:07 Rep. Bob Brown
16:34:18 Mr. Ebzery, BEJ Minerals
16:34:36 Chair White
16:35:32 Mr. Ebzery, BEJ Minerals
16:36:22 Vice Chair Manzella
16:36:54 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
16:37:03 Vice Chair Manzella

Closing by Sponsor:

16:37:34 Rep. Hamlett

[EXHIBIT\(nah24a24\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:46:31

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah24aad.pdf](#))