

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 11, 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 276, 1/31/2019; HB 328, 1/31/2019

15:03:13 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 276

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:15 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 276, Require 2/3 vote to transfer from fire suppression account.

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Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:12 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group (IFG)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:10:26 Tom Livers, Director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony:

15:13:10 John Tubbs, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:35 Rep. Fitzgerald
15:13:56 Rep. Hertz
15:14:10 Rep. Zach Brown
15:14:32 Rep. Hertz
15:14:46 Rep. Curdy
15:15:24 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:15:46 Chair White
15:16:28 Director Livers, OBPP
15:16:41 Chair White
15:16:55 Rep. Hertz
15:17:29 Chair White
15:18:16 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:20:40 Chair White
15:21:07 Director Livers, OBPP
15:21:54 Chair White
15:22:46 Director Livers, OBPP
15:23:09 Chair White
15:23:41 Director Livers, OBPP
15:23:55 Rep. Noland
15:24:14 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:24:23 Rep. Noland
15:24:51 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:27:27 Rep. Noland
15:27:35 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:27:40 Rep. Noland
15:27:46 Director Tubbs, DNRC
15:27:57 Rep. Zach Brown
15:28:45 Rep. Hertz

15:29:19 Rep. Bob Brown left the meeting.

15:31:42 Rep. Zach Brown
15:31:58 Director Tubbs, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

15:34:16 Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:35:29 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 328, Exempt conservation districts from certain fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:37:11 Kevin Dawe, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
15:41:55 Dan Rostad, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
15:44:12 Bill Wallace, Sweet Grass County Conservation District

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:45:10 Jeff Ryan, Lewis and Clark Conservation District
15:51:10 Chair White

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:51:27 Rep. Marler
15:52:14 Rep. Redfield
15:53:18 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
15:54:10 Mr. Dawe, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
15:54:30 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
15:54:40 Mr. Dawe, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
15:54:53 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
15:55:12 Mr. Dawe, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
15:56:13 Rep. Marler
15:56:49 Mr. Rostad, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
15:58:01 Rep. Marler
15:58:51 Chair White
16:00:19 Mr. Ryan, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
16:00:58 Chair White
16:01:45 Mr. Ryan, Sweet Grass County Conservation District
16:02:47 Chair White
16:04:07 Rep. Redfield
16:04:38 Rep. Curdy

Closing by Sponsor:

16:05:11 Rep. Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:07:44

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah28aad.pdf](#))