

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on February 15, 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. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
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: HB 341, 2/4/2019; HB 342, 2/4/2019
Executive Action: HB 276, HB 328, HB 383

15:07:00 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:43 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 341, Create GWIP special revenue account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:43 Brian Ohs, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

15:10:41 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:11:51 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

[EXHIBIT\(nah32a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:42 Rep. Marler

15:13:05 Rep. Bob Brown

15:13:25 Rep. Marler

15:13:54 Rep. Bob Brown

15:14:24 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

15:16:09 Chair White

15:16:57 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

15:18:27 Chair White

15:19:03 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

15:19:39 Vice Chair Curdy

15:20:00 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

15:20:15 Vice Chair Curdy

15:20:21 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:20:44 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

15:21:19 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

15:21:56 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

15:22:10 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

15:22:40 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

15:23:33 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

Closing by Sponsor:

15:23:51 Rep. Bob Brown

15:24:30 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 342**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:24:46 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 342, Create SWAMP special revenue account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:26:08 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
15:26:50 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SrWRC), Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

15:27:30 Rep. Zach Brown arrived to the meeting.

15:27:47 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:28:08 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MT)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:28:44 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

[EXHIBIT\(nah32a02\)](#)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:29:45 Chair White
15:30:58 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:32:19 Chair White
15:33:02 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:33:46 Vice Chair Curdy
15:34:06 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:34:08 Vice Chair Curdy
15:34:43 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:37:27 Vice Chair Curdy
15:38:12 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:39:38 Rep. Marler
15:40:25 Rep. Bob Brown
15:40:35 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:41:05 Rep. Farris-Olsen
15:41:29 Joe Kolman, LSD
15:41:42 Chair White

15:41:52 Rep. Noland arrived to the meeting.

15:41:57 Rep. Zach Brown
15:42:21 Rep. Bob Brown
15:43:26 Chair White
15:44:19 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:44:36 Chair White
15:44:46 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:44:50 Chair White
15:45:56 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

Closing by Sponsor:

15:47:09 Rep. Bob Brown
15:48:06 Chair White
15:49:13 Recessed
16:00:40 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 276

16:01:00 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 276 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:01:09 Vice Chair Curdy
16:01:40 Rep. Zach Brown
16:02:32 Chair White
17:11:38 **Vote:** 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. Gunderson and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 328

16:05:11 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 328 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:05:26 Rep. Marler
17:16:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 383

16:07:38 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 383 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:07:46 Chair White
16:07:58 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 383 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:08:09 Joe Kolman, LSD
[EXHIBIT\(nah32a03\)](#)
16:09:00 Rep. Bob Brown
16:09:23 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:09:39 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:09:59 Rep. Marler
16:11:13 Chair White
16:13:00 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:13:46 Joe Kolman, LSD
16:14:09 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:14:57 Joe Kolman, LSD
16:15:29 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:15:48 Joe Kolman, LSD
16:16:05 Chair White

16:16:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:17:33 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 383 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:17:46 Rep. Bob Brown

16:19:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no. Rep. Gunderson and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:20:02 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:21:11

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah32aad.pdf](#))