

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on March 11, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (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 608, 2/28/2019; HB 627, 2/28/2019; SJ 12, 3/1/2019
Executive Action: SJ 12

15:00:43 Vice Chair Manzella assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:54 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 608, Requiring mandatory AIS decontamination of certain vessels with ballast/bladders.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:25 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited

15:05:13 Thomas Woolf, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(nah49a01)

15:07:15 Mike Bias, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:08:25 Erik Hanson, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:27 Rep. Bob Brown

15:09:59 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:10:12 Rep. Bob Brown

15:10:47 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:11:22 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:11:51 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:12:11 Rep. Noland

15:13:10 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:13:37 Eileen Ryce, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

15:14:15 Rep. Noland

15:14:50 Ms. Ryce, FWP

15:15:34 Vice Chair Curdy

15:16:08 Rep. Read

15:17:04 Vice Chair Curdy

15:17:24 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:17:35 Vice Chair Curdy

15:17:47 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:17:55 Rep. Zach Brown

15:18:41 Ms. Ryce, FWP

15:20:43 Rep. Zach Brown

15:21:00 Ms. Ryce, FWP

15:21:49 Vice Chair Manzella

15:22:21 Ms. Ryce, FWP

15:22:34 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:22:48 Vice Chair Manzella

15:23:05 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:23:17 Vice Chair Manzella

15:23:29 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:23:39 Rep. Noland

15:24:08 Mr. Woolf, FWP
15:24:24 Rep. Noland
15:24:35 Mr. Woolf, FWP
15:24:49 Rep. Noland
15:24:57 Mr. Woolf, FWP
15:25:17 Vice Chair Curdy
15:25:45 Mr. Woolf, FWP
15:26:12 Vice Chair Manzella
15:26:20 Rep. Read

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:02 Rep. Read

15:28:37 Vice Chair Manzella

15:29:19 Chair White Resumed the Chair.

HEARING ON SJ 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:29:25 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SJ 12, Resolution on Columbia River Treaty.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:48:37 Chair White
15:49:18 Sen. Cuffe
15:50:29 Chair White
15:50:55 Sen. Cuffe
15:52:08 Rep. Marler
15:52:27 Sen. Cuffe
15:54:08 Rep. Marler
15:54:25 Sen. Cuffe
15:55:28 Vice Chair Curdy
15:56:03 Sen. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

16:00:27 Sen. Cuffe

16:01:52 Chair White
16:02:02 Sen. Cuffe
16:02:11 Chair White

16:03:33 Recessed

16:14:06 Chair White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 12

16:14:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SJ 12 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gunderson, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

16:14:45 Recessed

16:43:00 Reconvened

16:43:19 Chair White

HEARING ON HB 627

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:43:19 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 627, Revise laws regarding conservation licenses on state lands.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

16:52:28 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

16:57:41 Christine Johnson, Nine Mile Venture (NMV)

17:01:45 Ed Regan, RY Timber

EXHIBIT(nah49a02)

17:05:46 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGA)

EXHIBIT(nah49a03)

17:08:05 Steve Marks, Marks Lumber

17:10:49 Kendall Cotton, State Auditor's Office (CSI)

17:11:28 William Selph, Montana Secretary of State's Office

17:12:55 Sam Gilbert, Montana Forest Owners Association (MFOA)

EXHIBIT(nah49a04)

17:16:28 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)

17:17:35 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group

17:18:30 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

17:20:50 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

EXHIBIT(nah49a05)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:25:05 Chair White

17:26:33 Mr. Thomas, DNRC

17:28:25 Chair White

17:29:30 Mr. Thomas, DNRC

17:30:19 Chair White

17:31:52 Rep. Hamilton
17:33:09 Chair White
17:34:07 Mr. Thomas
17:34:24 Chair White
17:34:58 Ms. Altemus, MWPA
17:35:17 Mr. Regan, RY Timber
17:35:58 Chair White
17:36:15 Mr. Regan, RY Timber
17:36:36 Chair White
17:37:24 Mr. Thomas, DNRC
17:37:38 Chair White

Closing by Sponsor:

17:38:00 Rep. Hamilton

17:47:28 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:48:03

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah49aad.pdf](#))