

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on April 1, 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (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: SB 247, 3/25/2019
Executive Action: SB 32, SB 34, SB 41, SB 45, SB 47, SB 48, SB 49, SB 81, SB 151

15:03:56 Chair White
15:04:03 Recessed
15:34:01 Reconvened
15:35:30 Chair White

HEARING ON SB 247

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:35:43 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 247, Revise FWP authority for instream flows.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:37:52 Bill Schenk, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(nah67a01)

15:41:50 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited
15:42:49 Jan Langel, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
15:44:15 Dan Rostad, self
15:46:57 Dan McGowan, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
15:47:58 Andrew Gorder, Clark Fork Coalition
15:48:56 Holly Franz, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:51:24 Chair White
15:52:22 Mr. Schenk, FWP
15:55:04 Chair White
15:55:27 Mr. Schenk, FWP
15:55:43 Rep. Bob Brown
15:56:08 Mr. Schenk, FWP
15:57:27 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
15:58:03 Mr. Schenk, FWP
16:01:01 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
16:01:16 Mr. Schenk, FWP
16:01:41 Rep. Zach Brown
16:02:41 Mr. Schenk, FWP
16:06:15 Rep. Zach Brown
16:06:34 Chair White
16:07:26 Ms. Franz, NWE

Closing by Sponsor:

16:08:08 Sen. Cohenour
16:08:51 Chair White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 32

16:09:28 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 32 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:09:43 Vice Chair Curdy

16:10:22 Rep. Zach Brown

16:11:41 Chair White

16:15:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:15:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 32 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34

16:15:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 34 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:16:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 34 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 41

16:17:17 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 41 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:17:37 Rep. Marler

16:17:55 Vice Chair Manzella

16:18:37 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

16:19:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by roll call vote with Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Noland voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Bob Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 45

16:20:53 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 45 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:20:55 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 45 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah67a02)

Discussion:

16:21:47 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:22:18 Chair White

16:23:08 Rep. Casey Knudsen

16:23:17 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

16:23:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:23:55 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 45 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:24:15 Rep. Zach Brown

16:25:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:26:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 45 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47

16:26:54 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:27:15 Rep. Zach Brown

16:28:10 Chair White

16:29:53 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:30:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 47 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 48

16:31:22 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 48 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:31:47 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 48 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah67a03)

Discussion:

16:32:00 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:32:26 Vice Chair Curdy

16:33:07 Rep. Bob Brown

16:33:29 Vice Chair Curdy

16:34:19 Chair White

16:34:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:35:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 48 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Noland and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Zach Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49

16:37:30 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 49 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:37:54 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 49 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah67a04)

Discussion:

16:38:13 Rep. Zach Brown

16:38:37 Chair White

16:38:44 Rep. Zach Brown

16:39:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Noland voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:40:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 49 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Marler, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

16:41:41 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 49 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

16:42:46 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 81 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:43:02 Chair White

16:43:37 Rep. Bob Brown

16:43:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Noland voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 151

16:44:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 151 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Noland and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Bob Brown will carry the bill.

16:46:54 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:48:54

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah67aad.pdf](#))