

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Kerry White, on April 3, 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. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (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:**

Executive Action: SB 201, SB 296, SB 299, SJ 4, SB 49

15:08:50 Chair White  
15:11:25 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**EXHIBIT(nah69a01)**

15:12:09 Chair White  
15:12:59 Joe Kolman, LSD

**EXHIBIT(nah69a02)**

15:14:14 Chair White  
15:14:52 Joe Kolman, LSD

**EXHIBIT(nah69a03)**

15:15:59 Rep. Gunderson arrived to the meeting.  
15:16:00 Rep. Noland arrived to the meeting.

15:20:40 Chair White  
15:20:47 Vice Chair Curdy  
15:21:02 Joe Kolman, LSD  
15:21:15 Chair White

15:21:27 Recessed  
15:46:35 Reconvened

15:49:19 Chair White

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 201**

15:49:41 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 201 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:49:51 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 201 BE AMENDED.**  
**See EXHIBIT(1)**

**Discussion:**

15:50:03 Rep. Zach Brown  
15:50:17 Joe Kolman, LSD  
15:50:27 Rep. Zach Brown  
15:50:49 Joe Kolman, LSD  
15:51:40 Vice Chair Manzella  
15:51:54 Joe Kolman, LSD

15:52:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with Rep. Z. Brown and Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no. Rep. B. Brown voted by proxy.

15:52:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 201 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. B. Brown voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzgerald will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 296**

15:54:19 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 296 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:54:29 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 296 BE AMENDED.**  
**See EXHIBIT(2)**

**Discussion:**

15:54:56 Chair White  
15:56:14 Rep. Farris-Olsen

15:56:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Brown voted by proxy.

15:56:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 296 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Brown voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 299**

15:57:54 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 299 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:58:07 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 299 BE AMENDED.**  
**See EXHIBIT(3)**

**Discussion:**

15:58:30 Chair White  
15:59:13 Vice Chair Curdy  
15:59:26 Chair White  
16:00:43 Vice Chair Curdy  
16:00:50 Chair White  
16:01:09 Rep. Marler  
16:01:26 Chair White  
16:01:38 Rep. Marler  
16:02:04 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen  
16:02:37 Chair White

16:03:37 **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. B. Brown voted by proxy.

16:04:27 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SB 299 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:04:41 Rep. Marler  
16:05:15 Rep. Gunderson  
16:05:41 Rep. Zach Brown  
16:06:04 Rep. Marler

16:06:21 **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. B. Brown voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

16:07:07 Rep. Noland left the meeting

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 4**

16:08:18 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SJ 4 BE CONCURRED IN.**

#### **Discussion:**

16:08:29 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

16:08:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Brown and Rep. Noland voted by proxy. Rep. Kerr-Carpenter will carry the bill.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49**

16:09:34 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 49 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

#### **Discussion:**

16:09:56 Chair White

16:10:28 Without objection, Rep. Fitzgerald withdrew the BE REMOVED FROM TABLE motion.

16:10:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved to **RECONSIDER THEIR PREVIOUS ACTION TO TABLE SB 49.** Motion carried 14-1 by roll call vote with Rep. White voting no. Rep. B. Brown and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

16:12:09 Chair White

16:12:40 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:12:50 Rep. Fitzgerald

16:13:30 Rep. Noland returned to the meeting.

16:13:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 49 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Manzella, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Noland voting no. Rep. B. Brown voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzgerald will carry the bill.

16:15:34 Chair White

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:16:48

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Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nah69aad.pdf](#))