

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on April 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. 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. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
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: HJ 42, 4/5/2019; HJ 46, 4/5/2019
Executive Action: HJ 42, and HJ 46

HEARING ON HJ 46**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:29:10 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HJ 46, Interim study on the coal trust fund.

15:32:41 Vice Chair Manzella arrived to the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:34:48 Dan McGowan, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

15:35:30 Sam Schaeffer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:00 Chair White

15:36:49 Rep. Fern

15:37:05 Chair White

15:37:25 Vice Chair Curdy

15:38:04 Rep. Fern

Closing by Sponsor:

15:39:14 Rep. Fern

HEARING ON HJ 42**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:41:20 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HJ 42, Study of air purification capabilities during wildfire smoke events.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:43:15 Sarah Coefield, Missoula City County Health Department

15:45:44 Beth Norberg, Lewis and Clark Public Health

15:48:15 Alisha Johnson, Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA), Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:50:21 Doug Kuenzli, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:50:55 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:51:18 Rep. Winter

15:51:39 Rep. Casey Knudsen

15:52:04 Rep. Winter

15:52:25 Ms. Coefield, Missoula City County Health Department
15:52:57 Rep. Casey Knudsen
15:53:59 Ms. Coefield, Missoula City County Health Department
15:54:16 Chair White

15:54:32 Rep. Bob Brown arrived to the meeting.

15:54:34 Rep. Noland arrived to the meeting.

15:54:53 Rep. Marler arrived to the meeting.

15:54:56 Ms. Coefield, Missoula City County Health Department
15:55:22 Chair White
15:56:03 Ms. Coefield, Missoula City County Health Department
15:56:56 Chair White
15:58:11 Rep. Winter
15:58:27 Chair White
15:59:30 Rep. Bob Brown
16:00:06 Rep. Winter
16:00:46 Rep. Noland

Closing by Sponsor:

16:02:33 Rep. Winter

16:03:46 Chair White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 42

16:03:56 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HJ 42 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:04:07 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:04:24 Rep. Casey Knudsen
16:04:47 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:05:40 Chair White

16:07:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. Noland voting no. Rep. Z. Brown voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 46

16:08:07 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HJ 46 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:08:24 Chair White

16:09:21 Rep. Casey Knudsen

16:09:48 Rep. Bob Brown

16:11:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Noland and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Z. Brown voted by proxy.

16:12:01 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:14:04

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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