

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on April 24, 2019 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
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. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
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: SJ 20, 4/23/2019; SJ 30, 4/23/2019
Executive Action: SJ 20, SJ 30

08:03:49 Chair White
08:04:18 Rep. Zach Brown arrived to the meeting.
08:04:38 Vice Chair Curdy arrived to the meeting.

HEARING ON SJ 20

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:04:50 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SJ 20, Interim study of wilderness study areas.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:07:56 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:10:51 Ben Gabriel, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:13:42 Chair White
08:14:06 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:14:30 Chair White
08:14:46 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:15:00 Chair White
08:15:09 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:15:20 Chair White
08:15:32 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:15:41 Chair White
08:15:46 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:15:52 Chair White

08:16:24 Rep. Weatherwax arrived to the meeting.

08:16:43 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
08:17:38 Sen. Welborn
08:18:18 Rep. Marler
08:19:09 Sen. Welborn
08:20:08 Rep. Marler
08:20:33 Sen. Welborn
08:21:38 Rep. Marler
08:21:45 Sen. Welborn
08:21:53 Vice Chair Manzella
08:22:53 Sen. Welborn
08:26:14 Vice Chair Curdy
08:26:42 Mr. Gabriel
08:26:47 Vice Chair Curdy

08:27:31 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:27:46 Chair White
08:28:57 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:29:19 Chair White
08:31:02 Mr. Todhunter, MLA
08:31:50 Chair White
08:32:15 Rep. Zach Brown
08:33:04 Sen. Welborn
08:34:04 Vice Chair Manzella
08:34:22 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:34:33 Vice Chair Manzella
08:34:47 Mr. Gabriel, MWA
08:34:58 Vice Chair Manzella
08:35:07 Mr. Gabriel, MWA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:35:17 Sen. Welborn

HEARING ON SJ 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:35:55 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SJ 30, Interim study on fish and wildlife data.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:38:49 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

08:40:11 Ken McDonald, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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08:41:44 Rep. Casey Knudsen left the meeting.

08:43:29 Matt Leow, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:45:11 Chair White

08:46:22 Mr. McDonald, FWP

08:47:51 Chair White

08:48:53 Mr. McDonald, FWP

08:49:32 Chair White

08:50:37 Mr. McDonald, FWP

08:51:26 Chair White

08:52:00 Mr. McDonald, FWP

08:53:02 Chair White

08:53:12 Vice Chair Curdy
08:53:35 Mr. McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

08:55:04 Sen. Cohenour

08:56:33 Chair White

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 30

08:57:59 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SJ 30 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:58:15 Rep. Bob Brown
09:00:06 Chair White

09:01:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. C. Knudsen voting no. Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 20

09:02:24 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **SJ 20 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:02:42 Rep. Bob Brown
09:03:10 Rep. Curdy
09:05:08 Rep. Marler
09:07:03 Rep. Fitzgerald
09:07:51 Chair White
09:11:05 Rep. Fitzgerald
09:11:37 Chair White

09:12:57 **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. Z. Brown, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

09:14:27 Rep. Marler
09:15:10 Rep. Bob Brown
09:15:46 Chair White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:16:26

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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