

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on January 21, 2019 at 2:59 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair (R)
- Sen. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chair (D)
- Sen. Tom Richmond, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
- Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
- Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
- Sen. John Esp (R)
- Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
- Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
- Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
- Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandenbosch, 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 129, 1/18/2019

HEARING ON SB 129**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:27 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 129, Revise laws related to water projects.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:01:35 Brian Holling, State Water Projects Bureau chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:06:04 Carl DeVries, Rock Creek Water Users

EXHIBIT(nas11a01)

15:11:21 Pete Bertolino, Rock Creek water commissioner

EXHIBIT(nas11a02)

15:13:38 John Davidson, president, Rock Creek Water Users Association
15:15:50 Albert Foos, president, Rocky Fork Decreed Water Users
15:16:37 Peter Marchi, chief water commissioner, Musselshell River Distribution Project
15:20:36 Steve Gilbert, speaking for Art Hayes, Jr., Tongue River Water Users
15:22:59 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators
15:24:52 Sarah Bond, Colleen Coyle Law, PLLC
15:26:52 Colleen Coyle, Willow Creek Water Users Association (WCWUA)
15:31:06 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association
15:31:47 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:32:22 Sen. Pomnichowski
15:32:44 Mr. Holling, DNRC
15:33:40 Sen. Pomnichowski
15:34:13 Mr. Holling
15:34:28 Sen. Jacobson
15:35:00 Mr. Holling
15:36:44 Sen. Jacobson
15:37:19 Mr. Holling
15:37:35 Sen. Gillespie
15:38:07 Mr. Holling
15:38:30 Sen. Gillespie
15:39:09 Sen. Flowers
15:39:38 Mr. Holling
15:42:06 Sen. Hoven
15:42:30 Mr. Holling
15:42:47 Sen. Hoven
15:43:19 Mr. Holling
15:44:22 Sen. Hoven
15:44:40 Mr. Holling

15:45:35 Sen. Barrett
15:46:52 Mr. Holling
15:47:45 Sen. Esp
15:48:35 Ms. Coyle, WCWUA
15:50:42 Chairman Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:14 Sen. Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:52 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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