

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on January 23, 2019 at 2:31 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: SJ 3, 1/21/2019

Executive Action: SB 32 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 45 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 49 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 81 - Do Pass
SB 129 - Be Tabled

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 32

14:33:02 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 32 DO PASS.**

14:33:31 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 32 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nas13a01)

Discussion:

14:35:31 Chairman Welborn
14:35:59 Sen. Pomnichowski
14:36:22 Chairman Welborn
14:36:36 Sen. Hoven
14:37:20 Sen. Barrett
14:38:11 Sen. Pomnichowski
14:39:38 Sen. Barrett
14:40:03 Sen. Pomnichowski
14:40:54 Chairman Welborn
14:41:03 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division
14:41:24 Sen. Barrett
14:41:44 Sen. Ankney
14:41:57 Sen. Pomnichowski
14:42:39 Sen. Barrett

14:42:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

14:43:28 Sen. Pomnichowski

14:44:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 32 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 45

14:44:50 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 45 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:44:55 Sen. Cohenour
EXHIBIT(nas13a02)

14:46:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 45 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

14:46:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 45 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49

14:47:04 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 49 DO PASS.**

14:47:18 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 49 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nas13a03)

Discussion:

- 14:47:35 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division
 14:49:37 Sen. Cohenour
- 14:50:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.
- 14:51:02 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 49 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 14:51:06 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Ankney made a substitute motion that **SB 49 BE TABLED.**
- 14:51:46 Without objection, Sen. Ankney withdrew the BE TABLED motion.
- 14:52:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 81

- 14:52:53 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 81 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

- 14:53:21 Sen. Cohenour
- 14:53:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by voice vote with Sen. Ankney and Sen. S. Sales voting no. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 129

- 14:54:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 129 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SJ 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

- 15:05:24 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 3, Interim study on optional septic drain fields.

EXHIBIT(nas13a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

- 15:12:24 Brian Thompson, Presby Environmental
 15:13:29 William Leininger, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
 15:14:04 Sam Sill, MAR, Montana Building Industry Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

- 15:14:40 Tim Davis, administrator, Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:02 Sen. Jacobson
15:15:27 Sen. Thomas
15:15:49 Sen. Jacobson
15:16:25 Sen. Thomas
15:17:18 Sen. Jacobson
15:17:20 Mr. Davis, DEQ
15:17:55 Sen. Jacobson
15:18:07 Sen. Thomas
15:18:13 Sen. Esp
15:18:34 Mr. Davis
15:18:58 Sen. Esp
15:19:32 Sen. Thomas
15:19:49 Chairman Welborn
15:20:43 Sen. Thomas
15:21:24 Sen. Gillespie
15:22:12 Sen. Thomas
15:23:19 Sen. Flowers
15:23:45 Sen. Thomas
15:24:35 Sen. Jacobson
15:25:31 Mr. Davis

Closing by Sponsor:

15:25:53 Sen. Thomas

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:26 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas13aad.pdf](#))