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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on January 30, 2019 at 2:05 PM, in Room 317 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 97, 1/18/2019

14:06:38 Sen. Gillespie entered the meeting

HEARING ON SB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:07:19 Sen. Frank Smith (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 97, Generally revising laws related to common carrier pipelines.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:11:22 Bill Whitehead, chairman, Assiniboine and Sioux Rural Water Supply System Board of Commissioners
14:16:55 A.T. Stafne, commissioner, Assiniboine and Sioux Rural Water Supply System Board of Commissioners
14:19:03 Dan Wenner, attorney, Fort Peck Tribes
14:23:18 Grant Stafne, member, Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board
14:25:18 Majel Russell, attorney, Fort Peck Tribes; Assiniboine and Sioux Rural Water Supply System
14:28:30 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
14:31:24 Cheryl Eagle, member, Indian People's Action

EXHIBIT(nas18a01)

14:33:27 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council
14:34:52 Kaci Walette, member, Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board
14:35:37 Jestin Dupree, member, Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board
14:36:17 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
14:37:10 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Research Group
14:37:39 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
14:40:43 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters
14:41:27 Lance Four Star, chairman, Fort Peck Assiniboine Council; Western Native Voice
14:45:42 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31
14:47:30 Angelina Cheek, Fort Peck Tribes Grassroots
14:48:36 Bonita Ball
14:49:57 Avis Ball

Opponents' Testimony:

14:51:15 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association
14:56:04 Richard Dunbar, Phillips County commissioner; president, Oil, Gas, and Coal Counties

EXHIBIT(nas18a02)

14:59:01 Sandra Barnett, U.S. Compliance manager, TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline
15:04:31 Darrell Holzer, Montana State Building and Construction Trades
15:06:30 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 400
15:07:00 Ryan Hall, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association
15:08:41 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties
15:09:34 Patrick Montalban, Domestic Energy Producers Energy Alliance; National Stripper Well Association
15:11:29 Loren Young, Richland County commissioner
15:13:34 Gary Forrester, MDU Resources Companies

15:16:45 Tyler Smith, Lakeside Excavation

EXHIBIT(nas18a03)

15:20:07 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

15:21:42 Cary Hegreberg, president and CEO, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:23:54 Zach Bowler, Barnard Companies

EXHIBIT(nas18a04)

15:25:08 Paul Tweten, Valley County commissioner

EXHIBIT(nas18a05)

15:27:18 Aimee Grmoljez, CHS, Inc.

15:29:13 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:30:32 Ed Bartlett, Billings Chamber of Commerce

15:31:45 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:33:01 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:33:56 Ms. Barnett, Keystone XL Pipeline

15:38:06 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:38:31 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:38:37 Ms. Barnett

15:39:09 Sen. Flowers

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15:40:22 Sen. Flowers

15:41:23 Ms. Barnett

15:44:26 Sen. Flowers

15:45:20 Ms. Barnett

15:47:08 Sen. Ankney

15:47:42 Sen. F. Smith

15:47:49 Sen. Ankney

15:48:16 Sen. F. Smith

15:48:58 Sen. Richmond

15:50:08 Sen. F. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:03 Sen. F. Smith

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:56 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas18aad.pdf](#))