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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on February 6, 2019 at 2:25 P.M., in Room 405 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 201, 2/4/2019; HB 119, 2/1/2019

Executive Action: SB 47 - Do Pass as Amended
HB 119 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 119**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 14:26:37 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 119, Increase fees for the Hazard Reduction Agreement program.
- 14:27:09 Sen. Gillespie entered the hearing.
- 14:27:36 Sen. Flowers entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 14:28:57 Matt Arno, Forestry Assistance Bureau chief, Forestry Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- 14:31:13 Sen. Jacobson entered the hearing.
- 14:31:50 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association
- 14:32:38 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
- 14:33:36 Jesse Luther, Idaho Forest Group

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

- 14:34:42 Rep. Loge

HEARING ON SB 201**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 14:36:55 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 201, Revise requirements to hold a mining permit.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 14:44:31 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
- 14:45:06 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
- 14:46:56 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council
- 14:48:41 John Forkan, Montana Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

- 14:49:47 Chris Dorrington, Air, Energy and Mining Division administrator, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- 14:50:16 Bud Clinch, executive director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:50:39 Sen. Pomnichowski
 14:51:13 Mr. Dorrington, DEQ
 14:54:34 Sen. Barrett
 14:55:16 Mr. Dorrington
 14:56:41 Sen. Barrett
 14:57:34 Mr. Haight, AFL-CIO
 14:57:53 Sen. Barrett
 14:58:42 Mr. Haight
 14:58:56 Sen. Gillespie
 14:59:33 Ms. Hedges, MEIC
 15:00:48 Sen. Richmond
 15:01:23 Mr. Clinch, MCC
 15:03:23 Sen. Richmond
 15:03:56 Mr. Dorrington
 15:04:36 Sen. Richmond
 15:04:48 Mr. Dorrington
 15:05:52 Sen. Pomnichowski
 15:06:22 Sen. Ankney
 15:07:04 Sen. Pomnichowski
 15:07:33 Mr. Dorrington
 15:08:22 Sen. Hoven
 15:08:42 Sen. Ankney

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:51 Sen. Ankney

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47

15:15:32 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 47 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:15:53 Sen. Cohenour

15:16:22 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 47 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

15:16:40 Sen. Cohenour
 15:18:14 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division
 15:18:54 Sen. Esp
 15:19:31 Sen. Cohenour
 15:20:37 Sen. Esp
 15:21:00 Sen. Cohenour
 15:21:43 Sen. Barrett
 15:22:32 Sen. Gillespie
 15:23:15 Sen. Cohenour
 15:23:55 Sen. Gillespie
 15:24:49 Sen. Pomnichowski
 15:26:17 Sen. Hoven

15:26:37 Sen. Cohenour

15:29:00 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved to **CONCEPTUALLY AMEND SB004702.AJM TO ADD IRRIGATOR TO NUMBER 6.**

Discussion:

15:29:16 Sen. Cohenour

15:29:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:29:55 Sen. Barrett

15:31:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-2 by voice vote with Sen. Esp and Sen. S. Sales voting no. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

15:31:38 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 47 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:31:50 Sen. Cohenour

15:32:03 Sen. Esp

15:32:34 Sen. Cohenour

15:33:50 Sen. Barrett

15:35:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Esp voting no. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 119

15:36:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Richmond moved that **HB 119 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:37 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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