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

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on February 13, 2019 at 3:01 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 48, 2/1/2019

HEARING ON SB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:43 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 48, Revise variances to water quality standards.

EXHIBIT(nas30a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:16 Tim Davis, Water Quality Division administrator, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

EXHIBIT(nas30a02)

15:15:01 Scott Anderson, Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers

Opponents' Testimony:

15:17:56 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association; Montana Petroleum Association; Montana League of Cities and Towns; City of Billings; City of Bozeman

15:20:25 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association

15:22:37 Andrew Gorder, Clark Fork Coalition

15:24:06 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:27:19 Art Compton, Executive Committee, Montana Chapter of Sierra Club

15:28:52 Whitney Tawney, program director, Montana Conservation Voters

15:30:11 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council

15:31:36 Jeff Barber, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

15:32:59 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

15:34:39 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

15:35:47 Art Hayes, Jr., president, Tongue River Water Users Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:37:23 Sen. Flowers

15:37:52 Mr. Davis, DEQ

15:39:12 Sen. Gillespie

15:39:51 Ms. Hedges, MEIC

15:41:12 Sen. Gillespie

15:41:18 Ms. Hedges

15:41:47 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:42:04 Mr. Davis

15:42:48 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:43:32 Mr. Davis

15:44:49 Chairman Welborn

15:45:10 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

15:46:53 Sen. Richmond

Committee Discussion on SB 201

15:48:51 Sen. Pomnichowski

[EXHIBIT\(nas30a03\)](#)

15:49:29 Sen. Ankney

[EXHIBIT\(nas30a04\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:51 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas30aad.pdf](#))