

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on March 22, 2019 at 2:38 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 14, 3/20/2019

Executive Action: HB 328 - Be Concurred In
SB 329 - Do Pass as Amended
HJ 14 - Do Pass

HEARING ON HJ 14**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:39:37 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HJ 14, Study of future of the Water Court.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:42:53 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Associaton
14:44:03 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited
14:44:24 Russ McElyea, chief water judge, Montana Water Court
14:48:33 Steve Brown, associate water judge, Montana Water Court

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

14:53:16 Rep. Hamlett

14:54:16 Sen. Hoven entered the hearing. Sen. Ankney was not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 328

14:55:57 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **HB 328 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:56:21 Sen. Pomnichowski

14:57:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Esp will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 329

14:58:54 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **SB 329 DO PASS.**

14:59:31 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **SB 329 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

15:02:16 Sen. Richmond

15:03:16 Sen. Hoven

15:03:25 Sen. Richmond

15:04:17 Sen. Flowers

15:04:46 Sen. Richmond

15:05:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

215:05:45 Sen. Cohenour left the meeting.

15:05:50 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **SB 329 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:06:00 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:08:43 Sen. Richmond

15:10:33 Sen. Hoven

15:11:50 Sen. Flowers

15:12:12 Sen. Richmond

15:12:13 Sen. Flowers

15:12:33 Sen. Richmond

15:13:28 Sen. Flowers

15:14:04 Sen. Richmond

15:14:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Cohenour and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 14

15:15:47 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HJ 14 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:16:05 Sen. Gillespie

15:16:27 Sen. Flowers

15:16:42 Chairman Welborn

15:17:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Sen. Esp voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Cohenour and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:19 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas59aad.pdf](#))