

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on April 3, 2019 at 2:52 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: HB 341, 3/29/2019; HB 342, 3/29/2019

Executive Action: HB 34 - Be Concurred In
HB 286 - Be Concurred In as Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34

14:53:19 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 34 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:53:25 Chairman Welborn

14:53:34 Sen. Pomnichowski

14:53:49 Sen. Richmond entered the meeting.

14:54:07 Chairman Welborn

14:54:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 286

14:55:32 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **HB 286 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:56:48 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **HB 286 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(nas69a01)

Discussion:

14:57:17 Sen. Barrett

14:57:24 Sen. Richmond

14:57:45 Sen. Cohenour

14:57:52 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:59:02 Sen. Gillespie

14:59:32 Mr. Mohr, LSD

15:00:00 Sen. Gillespie

15:00:20 Mr. Mohr

15:00:42 Sen. Barrett

15:01:27 Mr. Mohr

15:01:49 Sen. Esp

15:02:15 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:04:48 Sen. Barrett

15:05:11 Rep. Redfield

15:05:22 Sen. Cohenour left the hearing.

15:06:05 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:07:34 Sen. Ankney

15:08:00 Sen. Flowers

15:08:24 Mr. Mohr

15:08:54 Sen. Flowers

15:09:04 Mr. Mohr

15:09:12 Sen. Esp

15:09:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Cohenour and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

15:10:30 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **HB 286 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:10:36 Chairman Welborn

15:10:49 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:10:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers and Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Cohenour and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Esp will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:12:32 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 341, Create GWIP special revenue account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:15:06 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association; Montana Trout Unlimited

15:16:02 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition; Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators

15:16:55 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation; Montana Stockgrowers Association

15:18:26 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

15:19:09 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers; Montana Mining Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:20:18 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:20:50 Sen. Hoven

15:21:36 Mr. Metesh, MBMG

15:23:48 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:24:30 Mr. Metesh

15:25:21 Sen. Barrett

15:25:54 Mr. Metesh

15:27:02 Sen. Richmond

15:27:35 Mr. Metesh

15:31:13 Sen. Cohenour returned to the meeting.

15:32:21 Sen. Gillespie

15:33:00 Mr. Metesh

15:34:32 Sen. Esp
15:34:49 Mr. Metesh
15:34:56 Sen. Hoven
15:35:09 Mr. Metesh
15:35:24 Sen. Pomnichowski
15:35:59 Mr. Metesh
15:36:12 Chairman Welborn
15:36:30 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

15:36:58 Rep. Brown

HEARING ON HB 342

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:38:45 Rep. Bob Brown (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 342, Create SWAMP special revenue account.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:39:52 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Association; Montana Trout Unlimited
15:42:50 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition (SrWRC), Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)
15:45:39 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
15:46:25 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:47:33 John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology (MBMG)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:47:55 Sen. Hoven
15:48:45 Mr. Metesh, MBMG
15:53:21 Sen. Cohenour
15:53:50 Ms. Evans, SrWRC; AGAI
15:55:27 Sen. Pomnichowski
15:55:52 Mr. Metesh
16:01:27 Sen. Flowers
16:01:57 Rep. Brown
16:05:43 Mr. Metesh
16:07:29 Sen. Flowers
16:08:33 Mr. Metesh
16:09:52 Sen. Barrett
16:10:11 Sen. Cohenour
16:11:14 Rep. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

16:14:32 Rep. Brown

Committee Business:

16:15:31 Chairman Welborn

16:16:05 Sen. Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:17 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas69aad.pdf](#))