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

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on April 8, 2019 at 3:02 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair (R)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski, Vice Chair (D)
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. Tom Richmond, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
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: HB 608, 4/4/2019; HB 625, 4/4/2019

Executive Action: HB 341 - Be Concurred In, SR 50 - Be Adopted
HB 722 - Be Concurred In as Amended
HB 608 - Be Concurred In
HB 441 - Be Concurred In as Amended
HB 342 - Be Tabled, HB 625 - Be Tabled

HEARING ON HB 608

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:27 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 608, Requiring mandatory AIS decontamination of certain vessels with ballast/bladders.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:55 Tom Woolf, Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(nas73a01)

15:07:49 Eric Hanson, Aquatic Invasive Species coordinator, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

15:09:27 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

15:09:52 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

15:10:08 Joel Weltzien, Montana Chapter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:41 Sen. Barrett

15:11:00 Mr. Woolf, FWP

15:13:41 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:14:11 Mr. Woolf

15:16:09 Sen. Hoven

15:16:22 Mr. Woolf

15:17:58 Sen. Barrett

15:18:43 Mr. Woolf

15:19:17 Sen. Flowers

15:19:46 Mr. Woolf

15:20:08 Sen. Gillespie

15:20:48 Mr. Woolf

15:21:33 Sen. Gillespie

15:22:06 Chairman Welborn

15:22:38 Mr. Woolf

15:24:52 Sen. Hoven

15:25:09 Mr. Woolf

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:32 Rep. Read

HEARING ON HB 625

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:02 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 625, Eliminate numeric nutrient standards for water quality laws.

EXHIBIT(nas73a02)

15:41:57 Sen. Jacobson entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:50:44 Alan Olson, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association

15:51:20 Tammy Johnson, Montana Mining Association

Opponents' Testimony:

15:55:04 Tim Davis, Water Quality Division administrator, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:55:23 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

15:56:26 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

15:57:33 Travis Ross, environmental health specialist, Missoula City-County Health Department; Missoula Valley Water Quality District; Missoula County; Montana Environmental Health Association; Association of Montana Public Health Officials; Montana Public Health Association

15:58:41 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:59:28 Sen. Hoven

16:00:36 Rep. Mercer

16:03:08 Sen. Gillespie

16:04:00 Mr. Davis, DEQ

16:05:55 Sen. Flowers

16:07:15 George Mathieus, deputy director, DEQ

16:08:17 Sen. Flowers

16:09:02 Mr. Davis

16:12:22 Chairman Welborn

16:12:38 Rep. Mercer

16:14:02 Chairman Welborn

16:14:46 Mr. Davis

16:15:51 Sen. Hoven

16:16:17 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

16:18:34 Rep. Mercer

16:19:36 Chairman Welborn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 625

16:20:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 625 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 608

16:21:03 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 608 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

- 16:21:18 Sen. Pomnichowski
- 16:22:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Flowers will carry the bill.
- 16:22:35 Sen. Hoven
- 16:22:59 Sen. Gillespie
- 16:23:07 Sen. Flowers
- 16:24:17 Sen. Pomnichowski

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 50

- 16:25:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SR 50 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 341

- 16:26:11 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 341 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

- 16:27:26 Chairman Welborn
- 16:28:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales were excused. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 342

- 16:28:36 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 342 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

- 16:28:55 Sen. Cohenour
- 16:30:33 Sen. Barrett
- 16:31:10 Sen. Hoven
- 16:31:51 Sen. Barrett
- 16:32:38 Sen. Esp
- 16:33:44 Sen. Pomnichowski
- 16:35:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Welborn voting aye. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.
- 16:36:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 342 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett voting no. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 722

16:37:01 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 722 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:38:33 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 722 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nas73a03)

Discussion:

16:38:51 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

16:40:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

16:40:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 722 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 441

16:41:51 **Motion:** Sen. Pomnichowski moved that **HB 441 NOT BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:42:14 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Esp made a Substitute Motion that **HB 441 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:42:41 Sen. Pomnichowski

16:42:48 Sen. Barrett

16:43:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Flowers moved that **HB 441 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(nas73a04)

16:45:28 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved that **HB 441 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:45:37 Sen. Barrett

16:48:50 Sen. Hoven

16:50:05 Sen. Flowers

16:54:24 Sen. Esp

16:54:56 Sen. Pomnichowski

16:55:40 Chairman Welborn

16:56:33 **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. Richmond and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Hoven will carry the bill.

Committee Discussion:

16:57:38 Chairman Welborn

16:58:36 Sen. Pomnichowski

16:58:41 Chairman Welborn
17:00:16 Sen. Esp
17:00:26 Sen. Flowers
17:00:33 Chairman Welborn
17:00:49 Mary Vandebosch, committee secretary
17:00:56 Chairman Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:01 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([nas73aad.pdf](#))