

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on April 17, 2019 at 3:02 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)

Members Excused: Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
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 40, 4/15/2019

Executive Action: HJ 40 - Be Concurred In
SJ 20 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 66 - Be Tabled
SB 361 - Be Tabled

HEARING ON HJ 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:07 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HJ 40, Study of weather modification.

15:05:25 Sen. Gillespie entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:40 Jim Hagenbarth, self

[EXHIBIT\(nas81a01\)](#)

15:10:44 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:12:10 Michael Downey, Water Planning Section supervisor, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:39 Sen. Gillespie

15:13:24 Mr. Hagenbarth, self

15:17:27 Sen. Gillespie

15:17:39 Mr. Hagenbarth

Closing by Sponsor:

15:17:57 Rep. Shaw

15:20:46 Chairman Welborn

15:20:59 Rep. Shaw

Sen. Hoven was present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 40

15:21:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Richmond moved that **HJ 40 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 20

15:23:01 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **SJ 20 DO PASS**.

15:23:32 **Motion:** Sen. Richmond moved that **SJ 20 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(nas81a02\)](#)

Discussion:

15:24:17 Sen. Cohenour

15:25:00 Chairman Welborn

15:25:28 Sen. Flowers

15:25:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy. Sen. S. Sales was excused.

15:26:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Richmond moved that **SJ 20 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66

15:27:05 Chairman Welborn

EXHIBIT(nas81a03)

15:27:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 66 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 361

15:28:02 Chairman Welborn

EXHIBIT(nas81a04)

15:29:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved that **SB 361 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. S. Sales voted by proxy.

Committee Business

15:29:44 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

15:30:11 Mary Vandebosch, committee secretary

15:30:34 Chairman Welborn

15:31:59 Sen. Cohenour

15:32:28 Sen. Flowers

15:33:01 Sen. Gillespie

15:33:22 Chairman Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:33 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([nas81aad.pdf](#))