

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gunderson, on January 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Rachael Foe, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 152, 1/14/2021

HEARING ON HB 152**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:18 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 152, Requiring drain plugs to be disengaged to prevent aquatic invasive species.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:25 Rep. Fern

15:08:44 Phil Matson, Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS)

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15:16:17 Chris Parrott, self

15:19:59 Rebecca Boslough, Montana Association of Conservation District (MACD)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:21:36 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited (WU)

15:23:52 Rep. Noland joined the meeting.

15:28:55 Vice Chair Curdy joined the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:31:46 Rep. Gist

15:34:26 Phil Matson, FLBS

15:35:06 Rep. Fitzgerald

15:35:47 Rep. Duram

15:36:21 Rep. Fitzgerald

15:36:40 Rep. Duram

15:36:58 Rep. Walsh

15:38:13 Phil Matson, FLBS

15:39:26 Rep. Walsh

15:40:00 Phil Matson, FLBS

15:41:56 Rep. Noland

15:44:21 Rep. Duram

15:46:06 Rep. Noland

15:46:51 Rep. Fielder

15:48:32 Rep. Duram

15:49:34 Rep. Fielder

15:49:51 Rep. France

15:50:16 Rep. Putnam

15:50:35 Chris Parrott, self

15:50:54 Rep. Putnam

15:51:02 Chris Parrott, self

15:51:29 Rep. Noland

15:53:49 Rep. Gist

15:54:49 Rep. Galloway

15:55:38 Rep. Duram

15:58:23 Rep. Galloway

15:58:59 Bob Gilbert, WU

15:59:29 Rep. Galloway
16:00:29 Bob Gilbert, WU
16:04:28 Rep. Galloway
16:05:28 Chair Gunderson

Closing by Sponsor:

16:06:26 Rep. Duram

16:09:14 Recess

16:36:00 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 42

16:36:14 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 42 DO PASS.**

16:36:31 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Noland made a substitute motion that **HB 42 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Putnam and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:38:54

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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