

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON HB 632

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 16, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary  
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch  
Katherine Anderson, 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:**

Negative Economic Impacts to the Natural Resource Economy due to Covid-19

08:03:10 Chair Jones

**NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCE ECONOMY DUE TO  
COVID-19**

**Oil & Gas Presentations:**

08:04:32 Mark Haggerty, Headwaters Economics

08:05:00 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.

**Coal Presentations:**

08:17:37 Jim Atchison, Southeastern Montana Development Corporation (SEMDC)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:37:31 Chair Osmundson

08:37:49 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

08:40:20 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

08:40:26 Chair Osmundson

08:40:39 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

08:41:24 Rep. Caferro

08:42:00 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

08:43:21 Rep. Keane

08:44:47 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

08:45:19 Chair Jones

08:47:46 Jim Atchison, SEMDC

08:50:35 Chair Jones

**Agriculture Presentations:**

08:52:18 Jeff Younkin, TrailWest Bank

08:54:49 Vice Chair Holmlund left the meeting.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:01:29 Chair Osmundson

09:01:36 Jeff Younkin, TrailWest Bank

09:02:23 Rep. Caferro

09:02:44 Jim Younkin, TrailWest Bank

09:04:24 Sen. Glimm joined the meeting.

09:04:55 Chair Jones

09:05:58 Rep. Mercer

09:06:45 Chair Jones left the meeting.

09:06:51 Jim Younkin, TrailWest Bank

09:08:05 Rep. Mercer

09:08:21 Sen. Lynch

09:09:31 Jim Younkin, TrailWest Bank

09:10:06 Sen. Lynch

09:10:17 Chair Osmundson

09:11:27 Jim Younkin, TrailWest Bank

09:13:44 Rep. Mercer

09:14:28 Chair Osmundson

09:14:55 Vice Chair Cuffe

09:16:08 Rep. Keane

**Agriculture Presentations:**

09:17:46 Christy Clark, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)  
09:18:09 Director Amanda Kaster, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:18:59 Rep. Mercer  
09:19:44 Christy Clark, MDA  
09:20:33 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:21:56 Jim Younkin, TrailWest Bank  
09:23:05 Rep. Keane  
09:26:32 Christy Clark, MDA  
09:27:12 Rep. Bartel  
09:29:22 Sen. Ellis  
09:33:13 Christy Clark, MDA  
09:33:39 Rep. Bartel  
09:34:31 Christy Clark, MDA  
09:35:00 Chair Osmundson  
09:35:15 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
09:37:08 Rep. Mercer  
09:42:25 Christy Clark, MDA  
09:43:01 Rep. Bartel  
09:44:37 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:45:22 Rep. Bartel  
09:46:27 Rep. Keane  
09:46:50 Christy Clark, MDA  
09:48:00 Nicole Rolf, MFBF  
09:48:26 Chair Osmundson  
09:48:42 Nicole Rolf, MFBF  
09:49:25 Sen. Ellis  
09:49:55 Quinn Holzer, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:50:57 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:51:10 Chair Osmundson  
  
09:51:21 Brief Recess  
10:10:24 Reconvened with Rep. Tschida, Rep. Caferro, and Sen. Glimm excused.

**Forestry Presentations:**

10:10:50 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)  
10:13:10 Vice Chair Holmlund joined the meeting.  
10:20:50 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)  
10:25:50 Director Kaster, DNRC

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:26:12 Vice Chair Holmlund  
10:29:03 Jason Todhunter, MLA  
10:30:10 Sonya Germann, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

10:32:30 Vice Chair Holmlund  
10:32:48 Sonya Germann, DNRC  
10:33:28 Director Kaster, DNRC  
10:34:35 Sen. Ellis  
10:37:38 Julia Altemus, MWPA  
10:39:02 Sen. Ellis  
10:39:27 Jason Todhunter, MLA  
10:41:30 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:42:30 Julia Altemus, MWPA  
10:43:32 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:44:03 Sonya Germann, DNRC  
10:45:14 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:48:07 Jason Todhunter, MLA  
10:48:17 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:48:39 Rep. Mercer  
10:49:25 Director Kaster, DNRC  
10:49:57 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
10:50:11 Rep. Mercer  
10:52:12 Director Kaster, DNRC  
10:52:35 Rep. Mercer  
10:53:01 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:54:34 Sonya Germann, DNRC  
10:55:02 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:55:12 Jason Todhunter, MLA  
10:55:57 Rep. Keane  
10:56:37 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.  
10:56:56 Director Kaster, DNRC  
10:58:00 Rep. Keane  
11:02:39 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
11:03:08 Chair Osmundson  
11:03:26 Vice Chair Cuffe

**Public Comment:** None

11:04:06 Chair Osmundson  
11:04:39 Rep. Mercer  
11:05:40 Chair Osmundson  
11:06:25 Rep. Caferro  
11:08:27 Chair Osmundson  
11:08:39 Rep. Keane  
11:08:54 Rep. Bartel  
11:09:12 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

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11:09:35

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sch52aad.pdf](#))