

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gunderson, on March 26, 2021 at 3:40 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
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. 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: SB 233, 3/12/2021; SB 258, 3/24/2021
Executive Action on: SB 258

15:40:14 Rep. Putnam left the meeting.
15:40:23 Rep. France left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 258

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:40:44 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 258, Renaming the Treasure State Endowment program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:42:25 Shelby DeMars, Montana Associations of Oil Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)
[EXHIBIT\(nah60a01\)](#)

15:43:19 Leo Berry, self
[EXHIBIT\(nah60a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(nah60a03\)](#)

15:48:02 Rep. Galloway left the meeting.
15:49:18 Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council (MCC)
15:50:32 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)
15:51:05 Charles Robison, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:52:16 Sen. Ankney

HEARING ON SB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:53:32 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 233, Generally revise the board of environmental review.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:54:57 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)
15:56:46 Rep. France rejoined the meeting.
15:58:09 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
16:00:21 Shelby DeMars, Montana Associations of Oil Gas and Coal Counties (MAOGCC)
16:00:56 Molly Schwend, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:01:48 Director Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
16:02:23 David Klemp, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
16:03:04 Angie Colamaria, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:03:31 Rep. Gist
16:04:04 Director Dorrington, DEQ
16:04:18 Vice Chair Curdy
16:04:37 Director Dorrington, DEQ
16:05:19 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:06:00 Director Dorrington, DEQ
16:06:20 Rep. Galloway rejoined the meeting.
16:08:18 Chair Gunderson
16:08:59 Angie Colamaria, DEQ
16:09:30 Chair Gunderson
16:10:03 Vice Chair R. Knudsen
16:10:26 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:10:45 Chair Gunderson

Closing by Sponsor:

16:11:19 Sen. Ankney

16:12:27 Chair Gunderson
16:13:08 Vice Chair Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 258

16:13:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 258 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Noland, Rep. Putnam and Rep.
Weatherwax voted by proxy. Rep. Malone will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:14:32

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah60aad.pdf](#))