

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gunderson, on April 1, 2021 at 3:00 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. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Clara Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action: HB 648; HB 695; SB 29; SB165; SB 284; SB 302; SB 358

14:57:16 Recess
15:18:08 Reconvened with Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. France present and Rep. Malone and Rep. Galloway excused

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 648

15:18:52 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 648 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:19:13 Rep. Marler
15:19:23 Chair Gunderson

15:19:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 648 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(nah64a01)

15:21:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 648 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 358

15:22:46 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 358 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:23:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 358 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(nah64a02)

15:24:23 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 358 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:24:36 Rep. Putnam
15:25:17 Rep. France
15:26:26 Vice Chair Curdy
15:26:36 Chair Gunderson
15:27:15 Rep. France
15:27:46 Chair Gunderson
15:28:08 Rep. Farris-Olsen

15:29:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy. Rep. Knudsen will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 284

15:31:04 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 284 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:31:26 Vice Chair Curdy

15:32:43 Rep. R. Knudsen

15:33:36 Rep. Fielder

15:33:47 Chair Gunderson

15:35:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzgerald will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 695

15:36:58 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 695 DO PASS.**

15:37:06 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. France made a substitute motion that **HB 695 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 6-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Fielder, Rep. France, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

15:38:25 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 695 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:38:43 Rep. France

15:40:55 Chair Gunderson

15:41:14 Rep. Marler

15:41:29 Vice Chair Curdy

15:41:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Fielder, Rep. France, Rep. Malone, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 29

15:43:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **SB 29.** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Noland and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

15:46:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 29 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Fielder, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Noland and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzgerald will carry the bill.

15:48:10 Rep. Fitzgerald

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 165

15:48:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **SB 165**. 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. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy.

15:50:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 165 BE CONCURRED IN**. 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. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy. Rep. Gunderson will carry the bill.

15:51:37 Chair Gunderson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 302

15:52:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **SB 302 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Malone and Rep. Noland voted by proxy. Rep. Walsh will carry the bill.

15:53:20 Chair Gunderson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:54:03

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah64aad.pdf](#))