

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on January 20, 2021 at 3:07 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

SENATE ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Pat Flowers, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator

HOUSE ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Tom France (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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:

Joint Informational Meeting on Invasive Species

Sen. Jacobson entered the meeting.

INVASIVE SPECIES OVERVIEW AND TWO-YEAR REVIEW

Introduction:

15:12:42 Bryce Christiaens, Missoula County Weed District coordinator; chair, Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC)
 15:17:08 Tahnee Szymanski, assistant state veterinarian, Department of Livestock (DOL)
 15:18:53 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.
 15:21:23 Ian Foley, Agricultural Sciences Division administrator, Department of Agriculture
EXHIBIT(nas13a01)

15:25:30 Chair Welborn
 15:26:09 Tom Woolf, Aquatic Invasive Species Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(nas13a02)

Partners:

15:29:20 Steve Wanderaas, co-vice chair, MISC; McCone Conservation District chairman
 15:33:06 Dusty Olson, Garfield County Conservation District administrator
 15:36:13 Laura Nowlin, Musselshell Watershed Coalition coordinator; vice chair, Central and Eastern Montana Invasive Species Team (CEMIST)
 15:41:36 Lori Curtis, chair, Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3)
 15:46:19 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone Conservation District Council coordinator
 15:49:38 Rep. Noland entered the meeting.

Questions from the Committee:

15:50:43 Rep. Galloway
 15:50:58 Chair Welborn
 15:55:41 Ms. Szymanski, DOL
 15:56:28 Chair Welborn

Closing:

15:56:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe, SD 1; president, Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)
 16:00:48 Chair Welborn
 16:01:07 Terry Gestrin, Idaho state representative, HD 8; co-chair, PNWER Invasive Species Working Group
 16:04:48 Matt Morrison, CEO, PNWER
 16:10:18 Sen. Cuffe
 16:11:12 Chair Welborn

Questions from the Committee:

16:11:28 Rep. Galloway
 16:12:59 Sen. Cuffe
 16:13:26 Rep. Malone
 16:14:26 Sen. Cuffe
 16:14:42 Rep. Curdy

16:16:02 Chair Welborn
16:16:09 Sen. Ankney
16:16:41 Sen. Cuffe
16:17:49 Chair Welborn
16:18:18 Mr. Morrison, PNWER
16:19:46 Mr. Gestrin, PNWER
16:20:07 Sen. Ankney
16:20:47 Ms. Nowlin, CEMIST
16:21:01 Mr. Woolf, FWP
16:21:21 Sen. Ankney
16:21:31 Rep. Noland
16:22:06 Sen. Cuffe
16:22:56 Mr. Morrison
16:24:31 Rep. Noland
16:25:48 Sen. Cuffe
16:28:37 Chair Welborn
16:29:39 Mr. Gestrin
16:31:03 Chair Welborn
16:31:08 Sen. Cuffe
16:33:40 Rep. Galloway

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:34 PM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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