

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Steve Gunderson-R, on January 06, 2023 at 3:02 PM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gist, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Staff Present: LJ Jennings, Secretary
Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
John Olson, Attorney

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 85 12/22/2022

HB 88 12/22/2022

Executive Action:

15:02:16

Committee Discussion:

15:02:17 Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:06:11 Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:40:22

Committee Discussion:

15:40:53 Rep. Steve Gunderson

HEARING ON HB 85 - Expand MEPA categorical exclusions

Opening Statement:

15:06:20 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 85, Expand MEPA categorical exclusions.

Discussion:

15:06:20 Rep. Marty Malone-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:07:32 Kelly Motichka, Agriculture and Grazing Bureau Chief for the Trust lands Management Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (DNRC)

08:10:21 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stock Growers Association, Montana Public Lands Counsel and Montana Association of State Grazing Districts

08:11:36 Calli Michaels, Montana Wool Growers Association

15:12:10 Lt. Governor Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

15:12:50 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponent Testimony:

08:13:41 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center, (MEIC)

08:17:45 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Chapter of Back Country Hunters and Anglers

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:19:36 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:19:39 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:19:52 Kelly Motichka, DNRC
15:20:07 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:20:19 Kelly Motichka, DNRC
15:20:54 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:20:57 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:21:07 Lt. Governor Kristen Juras
15:21:21 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:21:29 Lt. Governor Kristen Juras
15:22:41 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:22:48 Rep. Tom France
15:22:55 Kelly Motichka, DNRC
15:23:07 Rep. Tom France
15:23:25 Kelly Motichka, DNRC
15:23:34 Rep. Tom France
15:23:39 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:23:46 Rep. Tom France
15:24:03 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:24:06 Rep. Tom France
15:24:13 Kelly Motichka, DNRC

15:24:46 Rep. Tom France
15:24:48 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:24:50 Rep. Tom France
15:25:12 Kelly Motichka, DNRC
15:25:31 Rep. Tom France
15:25:34 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:25:39 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:25:49 Anne Hedges, MEIC
15:25:54 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:26:22 Anne Hedges, MEIC
15:27:08 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:27:13 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:27:20 Rep. Steve Gist
15:27:33 Anne Hedges, MEIC
15:27:34 Rep. Steve Gist
15:28:09 Anne Hedges, MEIC
15:28:28 Rep. Steve Gunderson

Closing Statement:

15:28:48 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, closed the hearing on HB 85.

Discussion:

15:28:49 Rep. Marty Malone-R

HEARING ON HB 88 - Revise third-party permission at state superfund sites

Opening Statement:

15:30:41 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 88, Revise third-party permission at state superfund sites.

Discussion:

15:30:41 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:34:21 Amy Steinmetz, Waste Management and Remediation, Montana Dept. of Environmental Equality, (DEQ)

08:36:26 Lt. Governor Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:38:03 Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:38:05 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:38:12 Lt. Governor Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

15:38:21 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:38:35 Lt. Governor Kristen Juras, Governor's Offic

15:38:45 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:38:46 Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:38:59 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ

15:39:12 Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:39:33 Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:39:45 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ

15:39:58 Rep. Steve Gunderson

Closing Statement:

15:40:04 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 88.

Discussion:

15:40:13 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:43:11

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230106NAHaad\)](#)