

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

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gunderson-R, on April 19, 2023 at 3:05 PM, in Room 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. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

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

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

HJ 18 04/18/2023

HR 8 04/19/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HR 8 - Resolution supporting the Keystone XL pipeline

Opening Statement:

15:06:36 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HR 8, Resolution supporting the Keystone XL pipeline.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:08:29 Matthew Pacini, Montana Environmental Information Center

Questions from Committee:

15:12:11 Vice Chair Steve Gist
15:12:16 Matthew Pacini
15:12:40 Rep. Gary Parry
15:12:45 Matthew Pacini
15:13:16 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:13:37 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
15:14:18 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
15:14:27 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
15:15:57 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:16:05 Rep. Tom France
15:16:19 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
15:16:59 Vice Chair Steve Gist
15:17:49 Rep. Marty Malone

15:18:40 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:19:17 Joe Kolman
15:19:38 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
15:19:59 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:20:02 Matthew Pacini
15:20:47 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:20:54 Matthew Pacini
15:21:10 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:21:17 Matthew Pacini
15:21:32 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:21:38 Matthew Pacini
15:22:05 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:22:18 Matthew Pacini
15:22:57 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:23:03 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
15:23:29 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:23:42 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
15:24:04 Chair Steve Gunderson
15:24:14 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
15:24:30 Rep. Gary Parry
15:24:33 Matthew Pacini

Closing Statement:

15:25:05 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, closed the hearing on HR 8.

HEARING ON HJ 18 - Joint resolution to study remediation of Smurfit-stone mill site

Opening Statement:

15:25:57 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HJ 18, Joint resolution to study remediation of Smurfit-stone mill site.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

15:31:04 Willis Curdy, Senator

Questions from Committee:

15:33:08 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

15:33:22 Senator Willis Curdy

Proponent Testimony:

15:34:13 Elena Evans, Missoula Valley Water Quality District?

15:40:37 Andrew Gorder, Clark Fork Coalition

15:44:42 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:46:14 Rep. Marty Malone

15:46:28 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D

15:47:25 Vice Chair Marilyn Marler

15:47:36 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D

15:51:08 Elena Evans

15:54:42 Chair Steve Gunderson

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16:00:57	Rep. Gary Parry
16:01:02	Elena Evans
16:01:47	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
16:01:53	Elena Evans
16:03:48	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
16:04:28	Rep. Jill Cohenour
16:04:52	Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D
16:06:12	Rep. Jill Cohenour
16:06:37	Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D
16:06:50	Vice Chair Marilyn Marler
16:07:38	Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D
16:07:54	Elena Evans
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16:09:58	Vice Chair Steve Gist

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16:41:40 **Recessed**
16:55:06 **Reconvened**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:55:32

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230419NAHaad\)](#)