

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Jeffrey Welborn-R, on January 04, 2023 at 2:32 PM, in 303 - Introductions

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jeffrey Welborn, Chair (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Walt Sales, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Willis Curdy (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Jason Small (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Research Analyst
Jodi Mott, Secretary

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:

Executive Action:

Senate and House Committee Members and Agency Introductions

Discussion:

14:35:34	Sen. Walt Sales
14:35:44	Sen. Shane Morigeau
14:35:52	Sen. Pat Flowers
14:35:58	Sen. Mike Lang
14:36:07	Sen. Barry Usher
14:36:14	Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
14:36:34	Jason Mohr
14:36:58	Joe Kolman
14:37:52	Rep. Kenneth Walsh, HD 71
14:38:07	Rep. Marty Malone, HD 59
14:38:25	Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, HD 17
14:38:32	Rep. Jill Cohenour, HD 84
14:38:45	Rep. Tom France, HD 94
14:38:53	Rep. Russel Miner, HD 19
14:38:59	Rep. Jonathan Karlen, HD 96
14:39:05	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle, HD 67
14:39:36	Rep. Gary Parry, HD 39
14:40:11	Rep. Steve Gunderson, HD 1
14:40:45	Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

14:42:08 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

14:45:02 Amanda Kaster, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

14:50:03 Quentin Kujala, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

14:52:00 Michael Freeman, Governor's Natural Resources Policy Advisor

14:52:33 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

14:53:25 Rep. Marty Malone, HD 59

14:53:38 Rep. Steve Gunderson, HD 1

14:53:49 Sen. Barry Usher

14:54:10 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

14:54:33 Alan Olson, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

14:55:47 Janice Rouse, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

14:56:14 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stock Growers Association

14:56:48 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited

14:57:51 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

14:58:34 Noah Marion, Wild Montana

14:58:58 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

14:59:56 Matt Vincent, Executive Director, Montana Mining Association (MMA)

15:01:39 Rachel Cone, Director of State Affairs Montana Farm Bureau

15:01:58 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)

15:02:48 Jason Callahan, Green Diamond Resource Company

15:04:17 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resource Association (TSRA)

15:05:04 Corey Shaw, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

15:05:29 Ann Schwend, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:06:03 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Water Well Drillers Association (MWWDA)

15:06:59 Pat Bousliman, Executive Director, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)

15:07:42 Derf Johnson, Deputy Director, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:08:18 Mike Murphy, Executive Director, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

15:09:06 Charlie Booher, Watershed Results

15:09:31 George Harris, Executive Director, Montana Coal Council (MCC)

15:10:45 Ryan McLane, Northwestern Energy

15:11:19 Dick Dolan, Director, Northern Rockies Trust for Public Lands

15:12:06 Darrel James, Executive Director, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

15:14:06 Mike Bias, Executive Director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

15:14:58 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

15:15:03 Jon Metropoulos, Westmoreland Mining Tech Coal

15:16:21 Nick Gevock, Endangered Species Coalition

15:16:58 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

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14:35:12 Sen. Jason Small

14:35:15 Sen. Ryan Lynch

14:35:21 Rep. Marilyn Marler, HD 90
14:37:08 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
14:37:22 Jodi Mott
14:37:32 LJ Jennings, House Clerk
15:00:58 Nicole Rolf, Senior Director, Governmental Affairs, Montana Farm Bureau
(MFB)
15:37:45 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
14:57:28 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:21:00

Jodi Mott, Secretary

Additional Documents:[EXHIBIT\(230104NASaad\)](#)