

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Jeffrey Welborn-R, on January 27, 2023 at 2:48 PM, in 303

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. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Jason Small (R)

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Research Analyst
Cy Walsh, 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:

SB 207 01/25/2023

Executive Action:

SB 55 DO PASS
SB 83 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 207 DO PASS AS AMENDED

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 55 - Join Interstate Mining Compact Commission

14:49:42 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SB 55 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:50:32 Sen. Barry Usher

15:51:16 Sonja Nowakowski, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

14:49:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 83 - Create western Montana conservation commission

14:52:10 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SB 83 DO PASS.**

14:52:32 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SB 83 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:52:48 Jason Mohr

14:53:33 Sen. Willis Curdy

14:53:38 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

14:53:50 Sen. Mike Lang

14:53:57 Sen. Walt Sales

14:52:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:55:42 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SB 83 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:55:42 Sen. Walt Sales

14:56:18 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

14:56:29 Sen. Walt Sales

14:56:37 Jason Mohr

14:57:00 Sen. Mike Lang

14:57:31 Jason Mohr

14:58:09 Sen. Mike Lang

14:58:50 Sen. Walt Sales

14:59:38 Sen. Mike Lang

15:00:06 Sen. Bob Brown

15:00:30 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
15:01:21 Sen. Mike Lang
15:03:57 Sen. Walt Sales
15:04:31 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
15:05:20 Sen. Mike Lang
15:05:46 Mark Bostrom, DNRC
15:08:03 Sen. Walt Sales
15:08:53 Sen. Mike Lang
15:09:24 Sen. Barry Usher
15:09:39 Sen. Walt Sales
14:55:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Usher, voting no.
15:11:44 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SB 83 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:11:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARING ON SB 207 - Clarify final decree process for compacts

Opening Statement:

15:12:04 Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 207, Clarify final decree process for compacts.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:01:31 Recessed
15:03:14 Reconvened
15:06:33 Sen. Lynch has arrived

15:16:39 Sen. Mike Lang
15:16:52 Jason Mohr
15:18:25 Sen. Barry Usher
15:18:38 Sen. Bob Brown-R

Closing Statement:

15:20:05 Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 13, closed the hearing on SB 207.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 207 - Clarify final decree process for compacts

15:20:59 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **SB 207 DO PASS.**

15:21:27 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **SB 207 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:21:45 Sen. Bob Brown

15:22:01 Jason Mohr

15:21:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:22:54 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **SB 207 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:22:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:23:55

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230127NASaad\)](#)