

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Jeffrey Welborn-R, on February 20, 2023 at 3:02 PM, in 303

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jeffrey Welborn, Chair (R)
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. Jason Small (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Research Analyst
Jacelyn Sterling, 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 316 02/15/2023

Executive Action:

SB 271 TO TABLE
SB 82 TO TABLE

HEARING ON SB 316 - Require public comment for air quality registrations

Opening Statement:

15:04:07 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 98, opened the hearing on SB 316, Require public comment for air quality registrations.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230220NASa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:10:05 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(230220NASa2\)](#)

15:13:03 Peter Dudley, Montana Audubon

15:14:24 Kim Wilson, Attorney, Helena

15:15:30 Doug Olsen, self

15:17:27 James Coefield, self

15:19:47 Elizabeth McCambridge, self

15:22:13 Jennifer Knoetgen, self

15:23:47 Mayre Flowers, Citizens For A Better Flathead

15:26:02 Howard Christiansen, self

15:28:18 Christopher Turman, self

15:29:25 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

15:31:15 Aimee McKinley, self

Opponent Testimony:

15:33:03 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association, Montana Contractors Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:37:45 Sonja Nowakowski, DEQ

Questions from Committee:

15:38:22 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
15:40:03 Dave Galt
15:40:12 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
15:40:33 Anne Hedges, MEIC
15:41:47 Sen. Bob Brown
15:42:21 Sonja Nowakowski, DEQ
15:42:48 Sen. Bob Brown
15:43:12 Sonja Nowakowski, DEQ
15:43:29 Sen. Bob Brown
15:44:00 Sonja Nowakowski, DEQ

Closing Statement:

15:44:42 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 98, closed the hearing on SB 316.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271 - Revise court costs related to natural resources

15:51:55 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SB 271 TO TABLE.**

15:51:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82 - Increase public water supply connection fees

15:52:47 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SB 82 TO TABLE.**

15:52:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:54:18

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230220NASaad\)](#)