

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Jeffrey Welborn-R, on February 27, 2023 at 3:32 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. Jason Small (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Lynch (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:

SJ 16 02/25/2023

Executive Action:

SJ 16 DO PASS

HEARING ON SJ 16 - Resolution related to Columbia River Treaty

Opening Statement:

15:32:58 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SJ 16, Resolution related to Columbia River Treaty.

Proponent Testimony:

15:38:29 Collin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

15:38:55 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association

15:39:47 Rebecca Boslogh-King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:40:57 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

15:41:37 Sen. Mike Cuffe-R

15:44:59 Sen. Pat Flowers

15:48:32 Sen. Mike Cuffe-R

15:49:18 Sen. Bob Brown

15:52:26 Sen. Mike Cuffe-R

15:54:26 Sen. Willis Curdy left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

15:54:32 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SJ 16.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 16 - Resolution related to Columbia River Treaty

15:56:54 **Motion:** Sen. Walt Sales moved that **SJ 16 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:57:17 Sen. Mike Lang

16:01:01 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

15:56:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:02:59

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230227NASaad\)](#)