

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

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey Welborn-R, on April 14, 2023 at 3:22 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. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Jason Small (R)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Willis Curdy (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:

Executive Action:

HB 576

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 576 - Revise laws related to water and coal mining

15:24:44 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **HB 576 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

15:50:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Flowers, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, voting no.

15:26:18 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **HB 576 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:26:40 Jason Mohr

15:27:44 Vice Chair Walt Sales

15:28:02 Sen. Mike Lang

15:29:02 Vice Chair Walt Sales

15:34:09 Sen. Pat Flowers

15:35:03 Vice Chair Walt Sales

16:35:24 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

15:52:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:36:59 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **HB 576 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:37:15 Sen. Mike Lang

15:38:03 Sen. Pat Flowers

16:47:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, voting no.
Sen. Curdy, By Proxy

15:36:59 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Barry Usher

15:29:00 **Recessed**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:42:08

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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