

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

Call to Order: Chair Walt Sales-R, on April 28, 2023 at 12:02 PM, in 422

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. Barry Usher (R)

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

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:

HJ 18 04/28/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 18 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HJ 18 - Joint resolution to study remediation of Smurfit-stone mill site

Opening Statement:

12:03:01 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HJ 18, Joint resolution to study remediation of Smurfit-stone mill site.

Proponent Testimony:

12:05:57 Elena Evins, Missoula Valley Quality District

12:08:00 Jen Harrington, French Town Community Advisory Group

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

12:09:44 Amy Steinmetz, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

12:10:26 Sen. Mike Lang

12:10:49 Elena Evans, Missoula County Conservation District

12:11:44 Sen. Mike Lang

12:11:58 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ

12:12:13 Will George, DEQ

12:13:16 Sen. Mike Lang

12:13:22 Will George, DEQ

12:13:36 Chair Jeffrey Welborn

12:14:26 Elena Evans, Missoula County Conservation District

12:14:48 Sen. Pat Flowers

12:15:09 Jason Mohr

12:15:22 Sen. Pat Flowers

12:16:00 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D

Closing Statement:

12:17:01 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, closed the hearing on HJ 18.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 18 - Joint resolution to study remediation of Smurfit-stone mill site

12:19:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Walt Sales moved that **HJ 18 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

12:18:37 Mr. Mohr

12:19:33 Sen. Pat Flowers

12:20:04 Sen. Bob Brown

12:20:31 Chair Jeffrey Welborn

12:20:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:23:58

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230428NASaad\)](#)