

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Kerry White, on January 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Sherri Row, Committee 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: HB 239, 1/19/2015; HJ 5, 1/19/2015

00:00:07 Chairman White

HEARING ON HJ 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HJ 5, Study reasonable water use.

[EXHIBIT\(nah15a01\)](#)

00:02:12 Rep. Olsen arrived

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:23 Rep. Bob Brown

00:18:40 Rep. Fiscus

00:20:28 Rep. Williams

00:21:14 Rep. Fiscus

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:12 Rep. Fiscus

HEARING ON HB 239

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:13 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 239, Revise asbestos laws.

[EXHIBIT\(nah15a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah15a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:09 Charles Walking Child, self

[EXHIBIT\(nah15a04\)](#)

00:44:12 Kevin Oliver, Northern Industrial Hygiene

[EXHIBIT\(nah15a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah15a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah15a07\)](#)

01:02:37 Robert Brownell, Terracon

01:08:09 Doug Tisdell, Northern Industrial Hygiene

Opponents' Testimony:

01:13:44 Doug Ingraham, Ingraham Environmental
01:15:55 Rep. Shaw arrived
01:16:25 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

EXHIBIT(nah15a08)

01:19:16 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
01:22:24 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
01:25:29 Don Judge, self

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:30:54 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:31:57 Kevin Oliver, Northern Industrial Hygiene
01:32:55 Rep. Manzella
01:33:38 Robert Brownell, Terracon
01:35:35 Rep. Court
01:36:06 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:36:43 Rep. Court
01:36:57 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:37:07 Rep. McConnell
01:38:15 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:39:03 Rep. McConnell
01:39:17 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:39:58 Rep. Olsen
01:40:49 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:41:00 Rep. Olsen
01:41:16 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:42:02 Rep. Williams
01:42:54 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:43:22 Rep. Williams
01:43:39 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:44:11 Rep. Williams
01:45:12 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:45:49 Rep. Williams
01:46:14 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:47:30 Rep. Bob Brown
01:48:09 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:49:01 Rep. Bob Brown

01:49:13 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:49:55 Rep. Jerry Bennett
01:51:05 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:53:19 Rep. Olsen
01:54:06 Doug Ingraham, Ingraham Environmental
01:56:04 Rep. Noland
01:56:26 Ed Thamke, DEQ
01:56:43 Chairman White
01:57:34 Ed Thamke, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:27 Rep. Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

02:03:05 Adjournment

Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah15aad.pdf](#))