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**MONTANA SENATE
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 303

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

SB 261 - Montana sage grouse stewardship act - Sen. Bradley Hamlett

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

Comments:



SEN. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair

This is roll call for Senate Natural Resources
Feb 11th 2015

MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Feb 11th 2015

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u> |
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| SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIR | X | |
| SENATOR CHRISTINE KAUFMANN | | X |
| SENATOR DUANE ANKNEY | | X |
| SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN | | X |
| SENATOR PAT CONNELL | X | |
| SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER | X | |
| SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT | X | |
| SENATOR BRIAN HOVEN | X | |
| SENATOR JIM KEANE | X | |
| SENATOR CLIFF LARSEN | X | |
| SENATOR MIKE PHILLIPS | X | |
| SENATOR CHAS VINCENT, CHAIR | | X |
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| Name | Representing | Support | Oppose | Info |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|------|
| John Tubbs | DWR | X | | |
| Neal Ullman | MCU | ✓ | | |
| John Prinkki | Carbon County | ✓ | | |
| Todd Deslin | MACo | ✓ | | |
| Robert Lee | Roseburg Co. | ✓ | | |
| Oleng Oppel | MT Chamber | X | | |
| Bob Finertsen | Hay 2 Assoc | X | | |
| Jacob Cargill | MT Farms Union | X | | |
| GARY FORRESTER | MOA RESOURCES | X | | |
| Amanda Jakshan | NRDC | X | | |
| Bob Guin | Stewardship | ✓ | | |
| Nola Freestone | ECO-Asset Mgmt | | | |
| Jan Motay | Oil Gas & Coal Cities | X | | |
| Jeff Haggen | | | | X |
| Leo BERRY | YNP | X | | |
| Rick Sootnick | GNP | X | | |
| Shane Gorder | Richland County | X | | |
| Stephanie Vehassel | Richland County | X | | |
| Jalce Trayer | mt. Audubon | X | | |
| Don Stusel | San Idores | | | |
| DANE GAU | MPA | X | | |
| Rachel Frost | MRCDC | X | | |

Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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| JEFF WIVHOLM | MACD | X | | |
| BUD CLINCH | MCC | X | | |
| Piane Ahlgren | RREC | X | | |
| Duane Mitchell | Richland Co | X | | |
| Bob Gilbert | Musselshell Co | X | | |
| Amy Fisher | MT Realtors | X | | |
| Steve Wade | Contractors | ✓ | | |
| MAC MIWARD | MOBA | X | | |
| MARK BAKER | Denbury | X | | |
| Jack Kivikley | Dillon resident | X | | |
| Chelsea Greiner | MFBF | X | | |
| Nick Gevock | MWF | X | | |
| Shawn Thomas | DNRC | X | | |
| Woren H. Young | Richland County | X | | |
| Matt Flikkema | MCGA | X | | |
| John Semple | MGCA | X | | |
| Glenn Mark | MACT | X | | |
| Shelbi Danic | MCV | X | | |
| Lesley Robinson | Phillips County | X | | |
| Chris King | Petroleum County | | | |
| Shane Morigeau | ESKT | X | | |
| Toos O'Hair | Cloud Peak Energy | X | | |
| Gary Wiers | MT Elec. Co-op Ass'n | X | | |

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| John Fitzpatrick | Northwestern Energy | X | | |
| Mark Lambrecht | TSRIA | X | | |
| Jim Jensen | M.E.I.C. | | X | |
| BRIAN OHS | MONTANA TU | X | | |
| TUCKER HUGHES | Rauchee & Judith Basin Co. | X | | |
| Armel GRUBSER | ARCH COAL | X | | |
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Additional Documents

SENATE: Natural Resources

Date: 2/12/15

Bill No. SB 261

(S) Fish and Game – SB 261 – Sen. Bradley Hamlett – Feb. 11, 2015

Montana Outfitters and Guides Association – Jean Johnson

SB 261 has the distinction of seeking to implement certain steps to prevent the heavy hand of the US Fish and Wildlife Service from assuming management of a game species in Montana – the Sage Grouse. There may be no other conservation bill in this session with greater importance to this state, on so many levels.

While the Montana spirit would tell a federal agency to manage elsewhere, and while everything related to the Endangered Species Act looks a lot like a hostage situation, the truth is that Montana must once again march to the orders from the very top.

We did it with the wolf. It was extremely difficult for all Montana stakeholders to accept the introduction of a predator that threatened to have such an impact on our number one industry – agriculture – and our number one passion – hunting – but we augured in and played by the rules laid out for us. Montana now manages its wolf population – long before another state that felt empowered to tell the federal government “Not here!” (I also believe there is a greater acceptance for the presence of wolves simply because “we” manage the population.)

The sage grouse is the same issue, but with a far greater potential for shutting down the Montana economy and our very way of life than even the wolf and with a far more ominous time line: Sept 30 is the court ordered deadline for the USFWS to decide to list or not to list. Montana simply must have a plan in place that prevents that from happening.

We support the administration’s goal to retaining state management and endorse the strategy that brings us SB 261. We thank Sen. Hamlett for his commitment to the process, for working with all stakeholders for a common goal: Montana management. SB 261 and this legislature is the essential next step.

The fact that the USFWS and the ESA essentially hold states like Montana hostage to the larger plan of greater federal control simply cannot outweigh the Montana independent spirit. That remains intact because Montana WILL and MUST manage our own wildlife. We all have to just swallow hard, dig deep, and turn our focus and energy – and treasure – towards the job at hand: a management plan that passes muster by Sept. 30, 2015.

Please support SB 245. Thank you.