

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Jean Price, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent:

Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Petersen, 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 149, 1/7/2015; HB 150, 1/7/2015; HB 167, 1/7/2015

00:00:01 Chair Flynn
00:01:14 *Rep. Hess arrives*

HEARING ON HB 149

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:02 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 149, Generally revise fishing derby laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:29 Jim Johnson, Yaak Rod and Gun Club (YRGC)
00:11:57 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:13 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:12:57 Chair Flynn
00:13:06 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited (WU)
00:16:43 Chair Flynn
00:17:03 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
00:19:25 Chair Flynn
00:19:41 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)
00:20:18 Chair Flynn
00:20:29 Bruce Rich, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih07a01)

00:22:10 Chair Flynn

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:32 Rep. Wagoner
00:23:26 Bruce Rich, FWP
00:25:46 Rep. Wagoner
00:26:08 Bruce Rich, FWP
00:26:44 Chair Flynn
00:26:51 Rep. Z. Brown
00:27:09 Bruce Rich, FWP
00:28:10 Chair Flynn
00:28:15 Rep. B. Brown
00:28:48 Rep. Cuffe
00:28:56 Rep. B. Brown
00:29:08 Rep. Cuffe
00:29:21 Rep. B. Brown
00:29:24 Chair Flynn
00:29:29 Rep. Jacobson
00:29:59 Bruce Rich, FWP
00:34:24 Rep. White
00:35:04 Rep. Cuffe
00:35:32 Rep. White
00:35:45 Chair Flynn
00:35:59 Rep. White

00:36:32 Bob Gilbert, WU
00:37:40 Chair Flynn
00:37:44 Rep. B. Smith
00:38:06 Jim Johnson, YRGC
00:39:07 Chair Flynn
00:39:12 Rep. B. Brown
00:39:33 Jim Johnson, YRGC
00:40:46 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:06 Rep. Cuffe
00:42:39 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:43:04 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 167, Generally revise off-highway vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:35 Ronna Alexander, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

EXHIBIT(fih07a02)

00:50:52 Chair Flynn

00:51:01 Russ Ehnes, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

EXHIBIT(fih07a03)

00:54:11 Chair Flynn

00:54:19 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association (MTRPA)

00:55:57 Chair Flynn

00:56:06 Ramona Ehnes, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

00:56:46 Chair Flynn

00:56:58 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

EXHIBIT(fih07a04)

00:58:10 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:58:33 Chas Van Genderen, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:54 Rep. Cook

00:59:14 Russ Ehnes, MTVRA

01:00:28 Rep. Cook

01:00:35 Rep. Lieser

01:01:22 Rep. Welborn

01:02:28 Rep. Lieser

01:02:59 Chair Flynn

01:03:02 Rep. Wagoner

01:03:18 Rep. Welborn
01:03:31 Chair Flynn
01:03:37 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
01:03:46 Rep. Wagoner
01:04:05 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
01:04:35 Chair Flynn
01:04:38 Rep. B. Brown
01:05:00 Rep. Welborn
01:05:41 Rep. B. Brown
01:06:14 Rep. Welborn
01:06:29 Chair Flynn
01:06:52 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
01:07:17 Rep. White
01:08:50 Rep. Welborn
01:09:09 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:20 Rep. Welborn
01:09:43 Chair Flynn
01:10:29 Rep. Welborn

HEARING ON HB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:11:02 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 150, Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks, laws related to penalties.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:27 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:20:20 Vice Chair Welborn
01:20:29 Jim Kropp, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih07a05)

01:25:08 Joe Cohenour, self
01:27:31 Doug Shenkle, self
01:29:12 Darrell Harris, self

EXHIBIT(fih07a06)

01:31:04 Vice Chair Welborn
01:31:13 Darrell Harris, self
01:33:51 Vice Chair Welborn
01:34:04 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA) and Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
01:35:23 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)
01:37:41 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:38:43 Lawrence Sickerson, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:01 Rep. White
01:43:58 Rep. Flynn
01:44:43 Rep. White
01:45:26 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:46:23 Vice Chair Welborn
01:46:29 Rep. Jacobson
01:46:53 Rep. Flynn
01:47:24 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:48:05 Vice Chair Welborn
01:48:09 Rep. B. Brown
01:49:01 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:50:06 Vice Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:18 Rep. Flynn

01:52:31 Vice Chair Welborn
01:53:07 Chair Flynn
01:54:27 Rep. Price
01:54:33 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

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01:55:14 adj

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih07aad.pdf](#))