

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 3, 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. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (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)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Absent:

Rep. Virginia Court (D)

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 278, 1/22/2015; HB 279, 1/22/2015

00:00:02 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:52 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 279, Clarify laws related to when and how to legally tag game animals.

EXHIBIT(fih24a01)

00:04:20 *Rep. White arrives*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:57 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih24a02)

EXHIBIT(fih24a03)

00:08:11 Chair Flynn

00:08:18 George Golie, Montana Game Warden's Association (MGWA)

00:09:29 Chair Flynn

00:09:36 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)

00:10:10 Chair Flynn

00:10:16 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:10:32 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:08 Rep. Essmann

00:11:37 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 278

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:49 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 278, Generally revise fish and game laws with respect to unmanned aerial vehicles.

EXHIBIT(fih24a04)

00:15:41 Chair Flynn

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:53 Todd Eames, self

00:18:45 Chair Flynn

00:18:54 George Golie, Montana Game Warden's Association (MGWA)

00:20:09 Chair Flynn

00:20:13 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

00:20:50 Chair Flynn

00:20:55 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:21:34 Chair Flynn
00:21:41 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:23:09 Chair Flynn
00:23:15 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
00:23:55 Chair Flynn
00:24:02 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)
00:24:37 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:52 John MacDonald, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)
00:27:20 Chair Flynn

Informational Testimony:

00:27:31 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:27:41 Chair Flynn
00:27:47 Chuck Flynn, Montana Pilots Association (MPA)-*Chair Flynn designated this witness as an opponent*
00:28:36 Chair Flynn

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:07 Rep. Cook
00:29:38 Rep. Essmann
00:29:52 Rep. Cook
00:30:04 Rep. Essmann
00:30:40 Rep. Cook
00:31:07 Rep. Essmann
00:31:49 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:31:52 *Rep. Court arrives*
00:33:45 Rep. White
00:34:53 Rep. Essmann
00:35:29 Rep. White
00:36:14 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:36:41 Rep. Lieser
00:37:11 Jim Brown (MWGA)
00:37:34 Rep. Jacobson
00:38:36 Rep. Essmann
00:39:13 Rep. Jacobson
00:39:37 Rep. Essmann
00:40:05 Rep. Jacobson
00:40:21 Rep. Fiscus
00:41:21 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:42:31 Rep. Fiscus
00:43:14 Chuck Flynn, MPA
00:45:03 Rep. B. Brown
00:46:19 Rep. Essmann
00:47:14 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:47:34 Rep. Pinocci
00:48:59 Rep. Essmann
00:49:49 Rep. Meyers
00:50:30 Rep. Essmann

00:51:18 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:25 Rep. Essmann

00:55:09 Chair Flynn

00:55:58 Rep. Price

00:56:06 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:56:19

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih24aad.pdf](#))