

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Welborn, on March 12, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jean Price, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kerry White (R)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

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: SB 245, 2/26/2015; SB 247, 2/26/2015

00:00:01 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON SB 247

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:48 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 247, Prohibit sage grouse hunting in Montana.
00:05:15 Chair Welborn

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:20 Dave Galt, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
00:08:14 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors' Association (MCA)
EXHIBIT(fih51a01)
00:09:35 *Rep. Hess arrives*
00:12:38 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
00:13:19 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:14:21 Paul Ellis, self
00:15:00 Brian McCullough, self
00:15:54 Bob Sitz, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:01 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:19:30 Ben Deeble, Big Sky Upland Bird Association
00:23:01 Blair Anderson, Montana Falconers' Association (MFA)
00:23:57 Pat Martin, self
EXHIBIT(fih51a02)
00:25:57 Larry Jent, self
00:30:34 Dan Bailey, Pheasants Forever
00:31:57 Greg Munther, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (MBHA)
00:34:06 James Gore, self
EXHIBIT(fih51a03)
00:36:33 Chair Welborn
00:36:41 Bill Geer, Hellgate Hunters and Anglers of Missoula (HHA)
00:37:28 Randy Pearson, self
00:39:04 Tom Grimes, self
00:39:29 JW Westman, Laurel Rod and Gun Club (LRG)
00:40:32 Shannon Taylor, Headwaters Sportsman Association (HSA)
00:41:35 *Rep. Jacobson arrives*
00:42:33 Jeff Herbert, self
00:44:33 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
00:45:43 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fih51a04)
00:47:51 Kurt Alt, self and Jefferson Valley Sportsmen's Association (JCSA)
00:48:40 Chair Welborn
00:48:48 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers (HAA)
00:49:00 Robert Jeffrey, self
00:49:10 Craig Campbell, self
00:49:18 Larry Copenhaver, self
00:49:46 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(fih51a05)

00:50:06 Joe Perry, self

EXHIBIT(fih51a06)

00:50:29 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmens Association (RCSA) and Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:50:53 Sam Milodragovich, Anacaonda Sportsmen Club (ASC) and Skyline Sportsman Association (SSA)

00:51:19 Chair Welborn

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

00:51:30 Rep. B. Brown

00:52:01 Dave Galt, MPA

00:52:46 Rep. Fiscus

00:53:41 Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:54:16 Rep. Fiscus

00:54:32 Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:55:28 Rep. Fiscus

00:55:44 Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:56:14 Rep. Shaw

00:56:41 Chair Welborn

00:56:51 Rep. Shaw

00:57:06 Ben Deeble, Big Sky Upland Bird Association

00:57:09 Rep. Shaw

00:57:17 Ben Deeble, Big Sky Upland Bird Association

00:57:34 Rep. B. Brown

00:58:11 Jeff Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:33 Sen. Brenden

01:07:30 Chair Welborn

01:11:00 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON SB 245**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:11:08 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 245, Revise laws related to late season cow elk hunts.

EXHIBIT(fih51a07)**EXHIBIT(fih51a08)****EXHIBIT(fih51a09)****EXHIBIT(fih51a10)**

01:17:54 Chair Flynn

Proponents' Testimony:

01:18:33 Sen. Brenden (SD 17)

01:20:53 Chair Flynn

01:21:04 Bob Sitz, self

EXHIBIT(fih51a11)**EXHIBIT(fih51a12)**

01:27:06 Chair Flynn
 01:27:11 Barry Rice, self
 01:28:29 Sky Anderson, self
 01:32:13 Rocco Carroccia, self

EXHIBIT(fih51a13)

01:35:35 Bill Galt, self
 01:36:23 Brian McCullough, self

EXHIBIT(fih51a14)

01:38:49 Chelcie Kremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 01:39:40 Tom Toman, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

EXHIBIT(fih51a15)

01:40:26 Darryl James, Wilks Montana Ranch Limited
 01:42:26 Chuck Bryant, self
 01:43:59 Chair Flynn
 01:44:10 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
 01:44:25 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana Cattlewomen (MCW)
 01:44:39 Jeff Hagener, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih51a16)

01:47:10 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony:

01:47:27 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 01:51:47 Chair Flynn
 01:51:53 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPom)
 01:54:34 Chair Flynn
 01:54:41 Joe Perry, self
 01:59:03 Chair Flynn
 01:59:11 Joe Perry, self
 02:00:21 JW Westman, Laurel Rod and Gun Club (LRG)

EXHIBIT(fih51a17)

02:03:26 Jeff Herbert, self
 02:07:12 Sam Milodragovich, Anacaonda Sportsmen Club (ASC), Skyline Sportsman Association (SSA) and Jefferson Valley Sportsmen Association (JVSA)
 02:11:57 Chair Flynn
 02:12:09 John Borgreen, self

EXHIBIT(fih51a18)

02:14:28 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers (HAA)
 02:15:14 Chair Flynn

Informational Testimony:

02:15:39 Kurt Alt, self
 02:16:26 Shannon Taylor, self
 02:17:47 Chair Flynn

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:17:55 Rep. Lieser
 02:18:21 Kurt Alt, self

02:19:32 Rep. Lieser
02:19:46 Kurt Alt, self
02:21:37 Rep. Fiscus
02:22:11 Kurt Alt, self
02:22:33 Rep. Fiscus
02:23:02 Kurt Alt, self
02:23:59 Rep. Jacobson
02:24:48 Kurt Alt, self
02:27:37 Rep. Jacobson
02:28:22 Kurt Alt, self
02:29:30 Rep. B. Brown
02:30:22 Bob Sitz, self
02:34:42 Chair Flynn
02:34:58 Rep. B. Brown
02:36:03 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:37:32 Rep. White
02:38:34 JW Westman, LRG
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02:40:02 Rep. White
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02:41:46 Bob Sitz, self
02:43:51 Rep. Z. Brown
02:44:42 Tom Toman, RMEF
02:45:13 Chair Flynn
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02:48:45 Dave Galt, MPA
02:49:47 Rep. White
02:51:30 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:52:17 Chair Flynn
02:52:45 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:53:20 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

02:53:31 Sen. Kary
02:57:44 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih51aad.pdf](#))