

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on February 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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 324, 2/1/2017; HB 367, 2/1/2017

00:01:31 Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Loge joined the meeting

HEARING ON HB 367

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:01 Rep. Becky Beard (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 367, Create voluntary hunting license check-off for predator management.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:30 Brian Quigley, Self
00:06:08 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:07:55 Rep. Court joined the meeting
00:08:29 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:10:11 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:18 Ken McDonald, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[**EXHIBIT\(fih27a01\)**](#)

00:14:49 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

[**EXHIBIT\(fih27a02\)**](#)

00:17:59 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:58 Rep. Vinton
00:22:23 Rep. Beard
00:22:39 Brian Quigley, Self
00:22:59 Rep. Vinton
00:23:25 Jay Bodner, MSGA
00:23:53 Rep. Vinton
00:24:20 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:08 Rep. Beard

HEARING ON HB 324

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:14 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 324, Revise laws related to state parks' administration.

00:40:23 Rep. Flynn and Rep. White joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:01 Frank LaLiberty, State Trail Advisory Commission
00:51:19 Mike Jeffords, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

00:51:54 Marne Hayes, State Parks Foundation
[EXHIBIT\(fih27a03\)](#)

00:55:34 Bob Walker, Self
[EXHIBIT\(fih27a04\)](#)

01:00:15 Jim Brown, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)
01:02:44 Rep. Shaw joined the meeting
01:04:11 Rep. Kipp III left the meeting
01:05:24 Ronna Alexander, Montana Snowmobile Association
01:08:26 Jim Swanson, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:10:56 Paul Sihler, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fih27a05\)](#)

01:16:19 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
01:23:26 Doug Monger, Self
01:32:59 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
01:41:22 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

01:42:07 Tom Riley, Montana State Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:39 Rep. M. Regier
01:44:01 Rep. Hamlett
01:44:31 Rep. M. Regier
01:44:45 Rep. Hamlett
01:45:44 Rep. M. Regier
01:45:47 Rep. Hamlett
01:45:58 Rep. Z. Brown
01:46:30 Tom Riley, Montana State Parks
01:46:46 Paul Sihler, FWP
01:48:00 Rep. Z. Brown
01:48:47 Tom Riley, Montana State Parks
01:49:26 Rep. Z. Brown
01:49:52 Rep. Hamlett
01:50:04 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:51:54 Rep. Jacobson
01:52:47 Paul Sihler, FWP
01:55:46 Rep. Jacobson
01:56:14 Rep. Hamlett
01:56:35 Rep. Jacobson
01:56:57 Rep. Hamlett
01:57:47 Rep. White
01:59:04 Paul Sihler, FWP
01:59:16 Rep. White
02:00:15 Paul Sihler, FWP
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02:02:27 Rep. White
02:02:40 Rep. Court
02:03:16 Tom Riley, Montana State Parks
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02:04:15 Paul Sihler, FWP
02:05:34 Rep. Court
02:05:46 Paul Sihler, FWP
02:06:36 Rep. Flynn
02:07:28 Doug Monger, Self
02:10:55 Rep. White
02:12:11 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:34 Rep. Hamlett

02:21:26 Rep. Flynn resumes the Chair
02:22:38 Rep. White

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:23:23

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih27aad.pdf](#))