

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on April 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, 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: SR 45, 4/7/2017

Executive Action:

HB 623: Be Concurred In
HB 434: Be Concurred In As Amended

HEARING ON SR 45**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:02:13 Sen. Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SR 45, Confirm Governor's appointee as Director to Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.
- 00:02:34 Martha Williams, appointee, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:11:00 Ian Williams, citizen
- 00:11:05 Sen. Smith left the meeting.
- 00:13:21 Chase Hibbard, citizen
- 00:16:41 Emily Hibbard, citizen
- 00:18:30 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
- 00:20:54 Chris Smith, citizen
- 00:22:59 Clay Miller, citizen
- 00:25:50 Tom Ebzery, citizen
- 00:27:00 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts
- 00:28:30 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitter's Association of Montana
- 00:29:03 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
- 00:30:35 Rep. Bradley Hamlett, HD 23
- 00:32:10 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana CattleWomen
- 00:33:17 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
- 00:35:06 Drew Geiger, Montana State Parks Foundation
- 00:35:27 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- 00:36:54 Harold Johns, president, Skyline Sportsmen
- 00:39:18 John Byorth, citizen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 00:42:30 Sen. Facey
- 00:43:02 Ms. Williams, FWP
- 00:44:42 Sen. Hinkle
- 00:45:20 Ms. Williams
- 00:46:05 Sen. Hinkle
- 00:46:25 Ms. Williams
- 00:47:28 Sen. Hinkle
- 00:48:14 Ms. Williams
- 00:48:51 Sen. Hinkle
- 00:49:20 Ms. Williams
- 00:51:07 Sen. Cohenour

00:51:26	Ms. Williams
00:53:33	Sen. Cohenour
00:53:45	Ms. Williams
00:55:30	Sen. Welborn
00:56:28	Ms. Williams
00:58:38	Sen. Hinebauch
00:58:54	Ms. Williams
00:59:35	Sen. Hinebauch
00:59:39	Ms. Williams
00:59:52	Sen. Hinebauch
01:00:03	Ms. Williams
01:01:24	Sen. Hinkle
01:03:04	Ms. Williams
01:04:54	Sen. Phillips
01:05:28	Ms. Williams
01:07:46	Sen. Phillips
01:08:29	Ms. Williams
01:09:59	Sen. Phillips
01:10:15	Ms. Williams
01:12:17	Chair Fielder
01:12:56	Ms. Williams
01:14:48	Chair Fielder
01:14:55	Ms. Williams
01:16:03	Chair Fielder
01:16:20	Ms. Williams
01:17:55	Chair Fielder
01:18:15	Ms. Williams
01:18:54	Chair Fielder
01:19:37	Ms. Williams
01:22:01	Chair Fielder
01:22:48	Ms. Williams
01:23:58	Chair Fielder
01:24:58	Ms. Williams
01:26:10	Chair Fielder
01:26:38	Ms. Williams
01:27:55	Chair Fielder
01:28:09	Ms. Williams
01:28:16	Chair Fielder
01:28:25	Ms. Williams
01:29:45	Chair Fielder
01:29:49	Ms. Williams
01:30:00	Chair Fielder
01:30:30	Ms. Williams
01:31:47	Chair Fielder
01:32:02	Ms. Williams
01:32:40	Chair Fielder
01:33:21	Ms. Williams
01:33:39	Chair Fielder
01:34:10	Ms. Williams
01:34:30	Chair Fielder

01:35:46 Ms. Williams
 01:37:33 Chair Fielder
 01:37:53 Ms. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:28 Chair Fielder
 01:40:23 Recess
 01:48:47 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623

01:48:51 Chair Fielder
 01:49:21 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 623 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:49:32 Chair Fielder
 01:49:43 Sen. Cohenour
 01:50:17 Chair Fielder
 01:50:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy. Sen. McClafferty was excused. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 434

01:51:05 Chair Fielder
 01:51:23 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 434 BE CONCURRED IN.**
 01:51:38 Chair Fielder
 01:52:02 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 434 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fis76a01\)](#)

Discussion:

01:52:15 Chair Fielder
 01:52:20 Sen. Hinkle
 01:53:48 Chair Fielder
 01:55:35 Sen. Phillips
 01:56:33 Sen. Hinkle
 01:57:08 Sen. Phillips
 01:57:19 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:57:49 Sen. Hinebauch
 01:58:59 Chair Fielder
 02:00:24 Sen. Cohenour

02:01:52 Chair Fielder
 02:01:59 Sen. Hinkle
 02:03:17 Sen. Phillips
 02:03:58 Mr. Kolman, LSD
 02:04:13 Sen. Phillips
 02:04:30 Mr. Kolman
 02:04:50 Sen. Phillips
 02:05:01 Mr. Kolman
 02:05:27 Sen. Phillips
 02:05:36 Mr. Kolman
 02:05:55 Sen. Facey
 02:06:32 Chair Fielder
 02:07:02 Sen. Facey
 02:07:06 Sen. Phillips
 02:07:35 Chair Fielder
 02:07:46 Sen. Welborn
 02:08:12 Chair Fielder

02:08:43 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved to **SEGREGATE SUBSECTION (1)(a), (1)(b), and (1)(c) FROM AMENDMENT 21 IN HB043401.AJK.**

Discussion:

02:09:39 Mr. Kolman

02:10:26 Sen. Cohenour withdrew her motion.

02:10:27 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved to **SEGREGATE SUBSECTION (1)(A) AFTER THE WORD "COORDINATOR" THROUGH THE END OF SUBSECTION (1)(C) FROM AMENDMENT 21 IN HB043401.AJK.**

Discussion:

02:11:15 Mr. Kolman
 02:11:30 Sen. Hinkle
 02:12:00 Sen. Cohenour
 02:12:35 Sen. Hinkle
 02:13:01 Chair Fielder

02:13:53 Sen. Cohenour withdrew her motion.

02:13:57 Chair Fielder

02:14:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Howard, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Vincent voted by proxy.

02:14:56 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 434 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:15:08 Chair Fielder
02:17:00 Sen. Vincent entered the meeting.
02:17:14 Sen. Phillips

02:18:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fielder moved that **HB 434 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Cohenour and Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. McClafferty was excused.

EXHIBIT(fis76a02)

02:19:01 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 434 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

02:19:09 Chair Fielder
02:19:17 Sen. Vincent
02:19:42 Chair Fielder
02:19:46 Sen. Vincent
02:19:49 Chair Fielder

02:19:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. McClafferty was excused. Sen. Hinkle will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

02:20:22 Chair Fielder
02:21:22 Sen. Cohenour
02:21:30 Chair Fielder
02:21:44 Sen. Cohenour
02:21:52 Chair Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:43 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis76aad.pdf](#))