

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on February 19, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Zac Perry, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Bob Brown, Chair (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Hannah Winn, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 423, 2/14/2019; HB 432, 2/14/2019; HB 497, 2/15/2019;
HJ 18, 2/15/2019

Executive Action: HB 224, HB 279, HB 281, HB 287, HB 291, HB 360, HB 397,
HB 407

15:00:00 Vice Chair Perry assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 423

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:33 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 423, Provide discount state park camping for veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:53 Rep. Berglee joined the meeting.
15:03:00 Tom Johnson, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
15:03:20 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion, Enlisted Officers Association of the National Guard (EANG)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:04:37 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:06:10 Chris Marchion, Self

Informational Testimony:

15:07:40 Beth Shumate, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:09 Rep. White
15:08:36 Beth Shumate, FWP
15:08:56 Rep. Vinton
15:09:34 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:09:48 Rep. Vinton
15:10:08 Rep. Sweeney
15:10:33 Beth Shumate, FWP
15:11:35 Rep. Duram
15:11:55 Beth Shumate, FWP
15:12:38 Rep. Duram
15:12:44 Beth Shumate, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:13:14 Rep. Buttrey

15:14:21 Hope Stockwell, LSD
15:16:44 Rep. B. Brown joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 497

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:15:39 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 497, Allow additional elk to be harvested during shoulder season.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:15 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
15:17:19 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana Association of State Grazing Districts

15:18:05 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:19:16 Matt Graveley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGA)
15:19:58 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:20:30 Vito Quatraro, Self

EXHIBIT(fih35a01)

15:22:17 Vice Chair Fitzgerald joined the meeting.
15:22:37 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
15:25:30 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

EXHIBIT(fih35a02)

15:26:08 Rep. Krautter left the meeting.
15:29:26 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:33:07 Steve Platt, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (MBHA)
15:33:42 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsman's Club
15:35:32 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
15:36:32 Dave Stone, Self

Informational Testimony:

15:38:22 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:38:49 Rep. White
15:39:27 Quentin Kujala, FWP
15:40:04 Rep. White
15:40:27 Quentin Kujala, FWP
15:40:38 Chair Brown
15:40:51 Rep. White
15:41:01 Ben Lamb, MWF
15:42:35 Rep. White
15:43:26 Ben Lamb, MWF
15:44:49 Rep. Fuller
15:45:01 Ben Lamb, MWF
15:45:09 Rep. Fuller
15:45:25 Rep. Berglee
15:45:49 Quentin Kujala, FWP
15:46:13 Rep. Loge
15:46:37 Rep. Galt
15:47:00 Rep. Loge
15:47:07 Rep. Galt
15:47:28 Rep. White
15:47:55 Quentin Kujala, FWP
15:48:13 Vice Chair Perry
15:48:42 Rep. Galt
15:49:23 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
15:49:36 Rep. Galt
15:49:46 Chair Brown
15:50:13 Mac Minard, MOGA

15:50:45 Chair Brown
15:50:56 Mac Minard, MOGA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:42 Rep. Galt

HEARING ON HJ 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:52:46 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HJ 18, Resolution urging enhancement of elk management/shoulder season regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:55:16 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana Association of State Grazing Districts
15:55:59 Checlie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:57:38 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
15:58:20 Matt Graveley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:00:05 Vito Quatraro, Self

EXHIBIT(fih35a03)

16:07:16 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
16:12:57 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsman's Club
16:14:24 Steve Platt, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (MBHA)
16:16:25 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

EXHIBIT(fih35a04)

16:18:19 Rep. Krautter returned to meeting.
16:20:24 Gary Ouldhouse, Anaconda Sportsman's Club
16:22:10 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
16:23:50 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
16:26:40 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

Informational Testimony:

16:27:30 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:27:50 Rep. Loge
16:28:26 Matt Graveley, RMSGA
16:29:19 Rep. Loge
16:29:47 Jerry Davis, MBA
16:31:53 Rep. White
16:32:42 Vito Quatraro, Self
16:32:49 Rep. White
16:34:33 Vito Quatraro, Self
16:35:43 Rep. White
16:36:21 Chair Brown
16:36:36 Quentin Kujala, FWP

16:37:21 Chair Brown
16:37:44 Quentin Kujala, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

16:38:16 Rep. Galt

HEARING ON HB 432

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:42:45 Rep. Marilyn Marler (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 432, Allow bonus points for limited fishing licenses, tags, and permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:45:16 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:46:36 Rep. Duram
16:46:58 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:47:10 Rep. Duram
16:47:18 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:47:24 Rep. Duram
16:47:29 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:47:43 Rep. Krautter
16:48:13 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:48:28 Rep. Krautter
16:48:35 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:48:56 Eric Roberts, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
16:49:44 Rep. Krautter
16:50:00 Eric Roberts, FWP
16:50:18 Rep. B. Smith
16:50:39 Eric Roberts, FWP
16:51:22 Rep. B. Smith
16:51:43 Eric Roberts, FWP
16:52:02 Rep. Sweeney
16:52:24 Eric Roberts, FWP
16:53:42 Rep. B. Smith
16:53:58 Eric Roberts, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

16:54:25 Rep. Marler

16:56:30 Recessed

17:23:22 Reconvened

17:23:22 Rep. Z. Brown joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

17:23:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 224 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:23:53 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:24:09 Rep. White

17:24:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 279

17:25:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 279 DO PASS.** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 281

17:27:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 281 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:28:26 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:29:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 281 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih35a05)

Discussion:

17:29:30 Rep. Z. Brown

17:29:38 Chair Brown

17:30:21 Rep. Vinton

17:30:30 Chair Brown

17:31:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. White voting no.

17:31:20 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 281 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 287

17:32:50 **Motion:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **HB 287 DO PASS.**

17:33:50 **Motion:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **HB 287 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih35a06)

Discussion:

17:33:56 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:37:04 Rep. B. Smith
17:37:28 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
17:38:26 Rep. Krautter
17:38:48 Rep. B. Smith
17:39:13 Chair Brown
17:39:56 Rep. Sweeney
17:40:31 Rep. B. Smith

17:40:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Vinton voting no.

17:42:00 **Motion:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **HB 287 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:42:14 Rep. Berglee
17:43:46 Rep. Z. Brown
17:44:56 Rep. B. Smith
17:45:29 Rep. Krautter
17:45:42 Rep. White
17:46:31 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

17:47:38 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye.

17:49:06 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 287 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 291

17:49:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 291 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:50:01 Rep. Loge

17:50:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 360

17:51:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 360 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:51:58 Rep. Sweeney

17:52:36 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Fuller, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Loge and Rep. Vinton voting aye.

17:53:38 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 360 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 397

17:54:09 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 397 DO PASS**. Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 407

17:55:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Fitzgerald moved that **HB 407 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

17:55:48 Chair Brown
17:56:14 Rep. White
17:56:31 Rep. Z. Brown
17:56:53 Chair Brown
17:57:23 Rep. Loge
17:57:31 Rep. B. Smith
17:57:47 Chair Brown
17:57:54 Rep. Sweeney

17:58:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

17:59:13 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:59:24

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih35aad.pdf](#))