

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

**Call to Order:** Chair Bob Brown, on February 26, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Brown, Chair (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (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. Mark Sweeney (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch  
Hannah Winn, 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 301, 2/21/2019; HB 390, 2/21/2019; HB 582, 2/21/2019;  
HB 585, 2/21/2019  
Executive Action: HB 509, HB 551, HB 552, HB 582, HB 585

15:10:10 Chair Brown  
15:10:15 Vice Chair Fitzgerald joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 585**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:10:38 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 585, Require legislative approval for divestiture of state park land.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:13:31 Martha Williams, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:17:38 Rep. White  
15:18:02 Director Williams, FWP  
15:18:25 Rep. White  
15:18:29 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.  
15:18:55 Director Williams, FWP  
15:19:19 Rep. White  
15:19:43 Director Williams, FWP  
15:21:23 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:22:05 Director Williams, FWP  
15:23:15 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:23:25 Rep. Hamlett  
15:24:31 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:24:49 Rep. Hamlett  
15:25:04 Rep. Weatherwax joined the meeting.  
15:25:10 Rep. B. Smith  
15:25:37 Director Williams, FWP  
15:26:19 Chair Brown  
15:26:43 Rep. Hamlett  
15:27:02 Chair Brown  
15:27:22 Rep. Hamlett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:27:44 Rep. Hamlett

**HEARING ON HB 582**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:29:04 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 582, Require suicide prevention materials to be distributed in hunter safety courses.

**[EXHIBIT\(fih41a01\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(fih41a02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:37:19 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
15:38:28 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)  
15:40:32 John Mott, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

15:44:48 Greg Lemon, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:45:12 Rep. Fuller  
15:45:59 John Mott, Self  
15:46:58 Rep. Vinton  
15:47:36 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
15:49:16 Rep. Loge  
15:49:38 Greg Lemon, FWP  
15:50:41 Rep. R. Knudsen  
15:51:27 Greg Lemon, FWP  
15:51:56 Chair Brown  
15:52:06 Greg Lemon, FWP  
15:52:41 Chair Brown  
15:53:21 Rep. Dunwell  
15:53:43 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
15:54:38 Chair Brown  
15:54:56 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
15:56:05 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:57:00 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
15:57:26 Rep. Z. Brown  
15:57:55 Rep. Dunwell  
15:58:25 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
15:58:55 Rep. B. Smith  
15:59:21 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:00:41 Rep. R. Knudsen  
16:01:12 Greg Lemon, FWP  
16:02:39 Rep. Krautter  
16:03:21 Rep. Dunwell  
16:04:29 Rep. Krautter  
16:04:44 Rep. Dunwell  
16:04:53 Rep. Fuller  
16:05:21 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:05:35 Rep. Fuller  
16:05:38 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:05:50 Vice Chair Fitzgerald  
16:06:25 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:06:42 Vice Chair Fitzgerald  
16:07:04 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:08:04 Chair Brown  
16:08:31 Greg Lemon, FWP  
16:09:21 Chair Brown

16:09:32 Greg Lemon, FWP  
16:10:06 Rep. Sweeney  
16:10:16 Greg Lemon, FWP  
16:10:33 Rep. Sweeney

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:10:53 Rep. Dunwell

16:15:12 Rep. Farris-Olsen left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 301**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:15:30 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 301, Establishing requirements for use of fishing access sites.

**EXHIBIT(fih41a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:20:14 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
16:21:12 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)  
16:22:01 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon  
16:23:03 Joel Weltzien, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (MBHA)  
16:24:18 Bert Lindler, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:25:24 Eileen Ryce, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:25:48 Rep. Vinton  
16:26:10 Rep. Loge  
16:26:31 Rep. Vinton  
16:26:58 Rep. Loge  
16:27:07 Chair Brown  
16:27:21 Rep. Z. Brown  
16:27:53 Rep. Loge  
16:28:25 Rep. Z. Brown  
16:28:30 Rep. Loge  
16:29:01 Rep. Z. Brown  
16:29:23 Eileen Ryce ,FWP  
16:30:14 Rep. Z. Brown  
16:30:40 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
16:32:32 Rep. White  
16:32:56 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
16:33:04 Rep. White  
16:33:11 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
16:33:36 Rep. White  
16:33:44 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
16:34:16 Rep. White

16:35:04 Eileen Ryce, FWP  
16:35:34 Rep. White  
16:36:14 Rep. Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:36:57 Rep. Loge

**HEARING ON HB 390**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:38:46 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 390, Make certain special hunting licenses once-in-a-lifetime harvest.

[EXHIBIT\(fih41a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:43:08 Dan Fiehrer, Private Land/Public Wildlife Council (PL/PW)  
16:44:36 Rep. Z. Brown, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:46:57 Brian Solan, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation (MWSF)

**Informational Testimony:**

16:52:30 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:52:50 Rep. Berglee  
16:53:50 Rep. Loge  
16:54:17 Rep. R. Knudsen  
16:54:36 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:54:44 Rep. R. Knudsen  
16:54:51 Rep. Loge  
16:55:05 Chair Brown  
16:55:56 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:56:19 Chair Brown  
16:56:25 Emily Cooper, FWP  
16:56:45 Hank Worsch, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
16:57:24 Rep. Sweeney  
16:58:02 Brian Solan, MWSF

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:59:26 Rep. Loge

17:02:43 Chair Brown  
17:03:31 Rep. Z. Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 509**

17:24:21 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 509 DO PASS.**

17:24:32 **Motion:** Rep. Krautter moved that **HB 509 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fih41a05)**

**Discussion:**

17:24:53 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:26:07 Rep. Krautter

17:26:22 Rep. Sweeney

17:26:41 Chair Brown

17:27:10 Rep. Vinton

17:27:37 Rep. Fuller

17:27:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fuller and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

17:29:05 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 509 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:29:20 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

17:30:58 Rep. Duram

17:31:15 Rep. Fuller

17:31:36 Rep. Krautter

17:32:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Perry, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Vinton voting aye. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

17:33:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 509 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 551**

17:34:18 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 551 DO PASS.**

17:34:36 **Motion:** Rep. Loge moved that **HB 551 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO INSERT "ON PRIVATE LANDS" ON PAGE 3 LINE 19 TO READ "THE COMMISSION MAY NOT LIMIT THE HUNTING HOURS FOR WOLVES ON PRIVATE LANDS TO DAYLIGHT HOURS".**

**Discussion:**

17:35:09 Chair Brown

17:35:20 Rep. Z. Brown

17:35:46 Chair Brown

17:36:14 **Vote:** 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. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

17:37:23 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 551 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:37:34 Chair Brown  
17:37:58 Rep. Z. Brown  
17:39:31 Rep. White  
17:41:09 Rep. Fuller  
17:41:42 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
17:41:54 Rep. Sweeney  
17:42:28 Rep. Duram

17:42:51 **Vote:** 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. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 552**

17:44:00 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:44:49 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:45:46 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fih41a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

17:45:56 Chair Brown

17:47:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen and Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

17:48:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Fuller, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Loge, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

17:49:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 582**

17:50:23 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 582 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:50:42 Rep. White  
17:51:39 Rep. Fuller

17:52:30 Rep. B. Smith  
17:53:21 Rep. Vinton  
17:54:30 Rep. Sweeney  
17:55:18 Rep. Krautter  
17:55:49 Rep. Z. Brown  
17:57:33 Rep. Weatherwax  
17:59:02 Rep. Runningwolf

18:00:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Fuller, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Loge and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

18:01:55 Chair Brown

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 585**

18:02:35 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 585 DO PASS.**

18:03:06 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 585 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fih41a07\)](#)

### **Discussion:**

18:03:44 Hope Stockwell, LSD

18:05:06 Rep. Z. Brown

18:05:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Duram voting no. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

18:05:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 585 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

18:06:19 Chair Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 18:06:44

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Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fih41aad.pdf](#))**