

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on March 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Brown, Chair (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice 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. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (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 311, 2/27/2019; HB 517, 2/27/2019; HB 522, 2/27/2019

Executive Action: HB 552, HB 423, HB 432

15:02:00 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 522

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:29 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 522, Revise qualifications for nonresident relative hunting/fishing licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:20 Sen. Edie McClafferty, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:06:38 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)

15:12:10 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

15:14:13 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:38 Rep. Fuller

15:15:04 Rep. Harvey

15:16:04 Rep. Vinton

15:16:45 Emily Cooper, FWP

15:16:54 Rep. Vinton

15:17:17 Emily Cooper, FWP

15:17:27 Rep. Sweeney

15:17:58 Bob Gilbert, WUM

15:18:49 Rep. Sweeney

15:19:36 Bob Gilbert, WUM

15:20:30 Rep. Sweeney

15:21:55 Nick Gevock, MWF

15:22:53 Vice Chair Perry

15:23:09 Rep. Harvey

15:23:55 Vice Chair Perry

15:24:13 Rep. Harvey

15:24:25 Chair Brown

15:25:18 Rep. Harvey

Closing by Sponsor:

15:25:31 Rep. Harvey

HEARING ON HB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:27:17 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 311, Establish nonresident hound handler license for those hunting mt lions.

[EXHIBIT\(fih50a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:55 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

EXHIBIT(fih50a02)

15:33:31 Scott Cargill, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

15:37:19 Mike Colpo, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

EXHIBIT(fih50a03)

15:40:41 Bill Mitchell, Self

15:41:05 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

15:43:42 Austin James, Citizens of Balanced Use (CBU)

15:44:25 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

15:45:10 Bob Sheppard, Self

15:45:42 Paul Rossignol, Self

15:46:33 Tim McKenrick, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:48:17 Tim Ravndal, Self

Informational Testimony:

15:52:36 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

15:53:07 Jim Strachan, Self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:55:56 Rep. B. Smith

15:56:13 Scott Boulanger, MOGA

15:57:13 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

15:57:57 Rep. White

15:58:24 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

15:58:48 Rep. White

15:59:30 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

16:00:03 Quentin Kujala, FWP

16:00:31 Hank Warsech, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

16:00:47 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

16:01:01 Rep. Runningwolf

16:01:35 Rep. White

16:01:52 Mac Minard, MOGA

16:01:56 Rep. Runningwolf

16:02:13 Mac Minard, MOGA

16:02:43 Rep. Runningwolf

16:02:55 Mac Minard, MOGA

16:03:07 Chair Brown

16:03:31 Mac Minard, MOGA

16:04:05 Chair Brown

16:04:41 Mac Minard, MOGA

16:05:16 Rep. Runningwolf

16:05:48 Mac Minard, MOGA

16:05:52 Rep. Runningwolf

16:06:05 Mac Minard, MOGA

16:06:53 Rep. Farris-Olsen

16:07:23 Rep. White
16:07:45 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:07:56 Rep. White
16:08:07 Chair Brown
16:08:39 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:10:29 Chair Brown
16:10:37 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:10:42 Chair Brown
16:11:14 Quentin Kujala, FWP
16:12:19 Rep. B. Smith
16:12:49 Rep. White

Closing by Sponsor:

16:13:26 Rep. White

16:19:00 Recessed

16:27:51 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 517

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:28:25 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 517, Establish trapper education program.

EXHIBIT(fih50a04)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:30:49 Mark Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
16:33:42 Art Compton, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club
16:35:48 Shani Henry, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:39:37 Frances Buell, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
16:46:16 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
16:47:09 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)
16:47:52 Bert Wustner, Self
16:50:45 Bob Sheppard, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
16:51:42 Garrett Bacon, Self
16:52:45 Austin James, Citizens of Balanced Use (CBU)
16:53:28 Guy Kempthorne, Self
16:54:01 Tim McKenrick, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
16:55:51 Michael McKenrick, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
16:56:13 Paul Rossignol, Self
16:57:56 Mike Colpo, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
16:58:34 Jim Buell, Outdoor Heritage Coalition
17:00:54 Tim Ravndal, Self
17:01:52 Dalton Hafner, Self
17:02:16 Bob Hodgskiss, Self

Informational Testimony:

17:03:50 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:04:18 Rep. White
17:05:22 Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:06:44 Rep. B. Smith
17:07:41 Chair Brown
17:07:50 Rep. B. Smith
17:07:59 Rep. White
17:08:26 Rep. B. Smith
17:08:49 Rep. Loge
17:09:16 Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:09:58 Rep. Berglee
17:10:28 Frances Buell, MTA
17:14:03 Rep. Berglee
17:14:23 Chair Brown
17:15:03 Rep. Berglee
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17:17:28 Rep. Duram
17:18:17 Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:18:36 Rep. Duram
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17:19:05 Rep. Duram
17:19:22 Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:20:26 Rep. White
17:21:04 Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:21:29 Rep. White
17:22:02 Quentin Kujala, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

17:22:46 Rep. B. Smith
17:24:53 Chair Brown

17:28:50 Recessed
17:45:47 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 552

17:45:57 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

17:46:10 Vice Chair Perry
17:46:33 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:47:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

17:48:29 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:49:39 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 DO PASS AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ON FEBRUARY 26.**

17:49:54 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih50a05\)](#)

Discussion:

17:50:09 Chair Brown
17:50:17 Hope Stockwell, LSD
17:50:52 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
17:51:41 Hope Stockwell, LSD

17:52:13 **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. Berglee and Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

17:53:30 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 552 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:53:47 Rep. Sweeney
17:54:00 Hope Stockwell, LSD
17:54:33 Chair Brown

17:56:07 **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. Berglee and Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 423

17:57:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 423 DO PASS.** Motion carried 14-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. B. Smith and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Berglee and Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 432

17:59:47 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **HB 432 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:00:01 Chair Brown
18:00:29 Rep. B. Smith
18:00:49 Chair Brown

18:01:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Berglee and Rep. Farris-Olsen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:02:23

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih50aad.pdf](#))