

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on March 28, 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. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
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: SB 24, 3/22/2019; SB 167, 3/22/2019

15:33:40 Rep. B. Smith joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:34:30 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 24, Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation.

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:44:22 Gene Townsend, Self

15:44:50 Rep. Z. Brown joined the meeting.

15:46:22 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Coalition (MTC)

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a03\)](#)

15:49:07 Kristi Drake, Billings TrailNet

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a04\)](#)

15:51:59 Deb Love, Resources Legacy Fund

15:54:34 Ed Greef, Self

15:56:24 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

15:58:32 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

15:59:55 Douglas Habermann, Bike Walk Montana

16:02:15 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

16:03:26 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Relators (MAR)

16:03:56 Greg Dorrington, Self

16:05:18 Ben Horan, Mountain Bike Advocacy

16:07:55 Julian Adler, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)

16:09:05 Rocky Haralson, Montana County of Treasurers Association (MCTA)

16:09:48 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trust (MALT)

16:10:24 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

16:10:30 Evan Kulesa, Prickly Pear Land Trust

16:11:23 Whitney Tawney, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

16:12:42 Angie Grove, Montana State Parks and Recreation (MSPR)

16:13:19 Frank Laliberty, Friends of the Little Belts

16:15:26 Austin James, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

16:19:20 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih64a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:20:54 Beth Shumate, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:21:23 Rep. Vinton

16:22:16 Kristi Drake, Billings TrailNet

16:22:44 Rep. R. Knudsen

16:23:30 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:23:57 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:24:05 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:24:26 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:24:39 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:25:31 Rep. Loge
16:25:59 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:27:21 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:27:46 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:29:08 Rep. R. Knudsen
16:29:33 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:30:13 Chair Brown
16:30:36 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:31:14 Rep. Duram
16:31:38 Deb Love, Resources Legacy Fund
16:32:32 Rep. Krautter
16:33:49 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:35:02 Vice Chair Fitzgerald
16:35:59 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:37:31 Vice Chair Fitzgerald
16:38:02 Beth Shumate, FWP
16:38:51 Rep. Krautter
16:39:22 Austin James, CBU
16:41:47 Chair Brown
16:42:19 Sen. Gauthier
16:42:57 Chair Brown
16:43:22 Sen. Gauthier
16:43:37 Chair Brown
16:43:57 Rep. Krautter
16:45:18 Sen. Gauthier
16:45:25 Angie Grove, MSPR
16:45:33 Rep. Krautter
16:45:46 Angie Grove, MSPR
16:46:59 Rep. Loge
16:47:10 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Fiscal Division (LSD)
16:48:36 Rep. Krautter

Closing by Sponsor:

16:48:46 Sen. Gauthier

16:51:07 Recessed
17:00:28 Reconvened with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White excused.

HEARING ON SB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:01:18 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 167, Revise laws regarding hunting license benefits for military members.

Proponents' Testimony:

17:03:34 Roger Hagan, American Legion, Enlisted Officers Association of the Natural
Guard (EANG)
17:06:49 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

17:07:19 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:07:41 Chair Brown
17:07:54 Hank Worsech, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
17:07:59 Chair Brown
17:08:17 Hank Worsech, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

17:09:24 Sen. Gillespie

17:09:50 Chair Brown
17:10:23 Hope Stockwell, LSD
17:11:51 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:12:02

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih64aad.pdf](#))