

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on April 2, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., 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. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pad McCracken, 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 44, 3/28/2019; SB 127, 3/28/2019

Executive Action: SB 68, SB 70, SB 79, SB 222, SJ 6

HEARING ON SB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:09:05 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 44, Make conservation license a standalone prerequisite license.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:10:25 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.
15:11:19 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
15:12:50 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:24 Rep. Loge
15:13:38 Emily Cooper, FWP
15:13:52 Rep. Loge
15:14:01 Ken McDonald, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
15:14:20 Rep. White
15:14:59 Emily Cooper, FWP
15:15:32 Rep. White
15:15:42 Emily Cooper, FWP
15:15:57 Rep. White
15:16:24 Sen. Cohenour
15:17:36 Chair Brown
15:18:16 Emily Cooper, FWP
15:18:27 Chair Brown
15:18:56 Sen. Cohenour
15:19:30 Chair Brown
15:19:40 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:02 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:20:32 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 127, Prohibit sale of wildlife identification information for hunting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:58 Joe Cohenour, Self
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15:28:02 Tyler Phelps, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Angers (MBHA)
15:29:41 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:30:14 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

15:30:31 Ken McDonald, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
15:31:26 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:32:01 Rep. Fuller
15:32:45 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:33:26 Rep. Fuller
15:34:03 Sen. Cohenour
15:35:39 Rep. Fuller
15:36:29 Chair Brown
15:36:38 Rep. Duram
15:37:19 Sen. Cohenour
15:38:52 Chair Brown
15:39:18 Sen. Cohenour
15:40:15 Chair Brown
15:40:52 Sen. Cohenour
15:41:05 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:41:47 Rep. White
15:42:54 Sen. Cohenour
15:43:33 Rep. White
15:44:01 Sen. Cohenour
15:45:16 Rep. White
15:46:56 Sen. Cohenour
15:47:56 Rep. White
15:49:16 Sen. Cohenour
15:49:56 Rep. White
15:51:46 Sen. Cohenour
15:52:57 Chair Brown
15:53:43 Rep. R. Knudsen
15:54:00 Sen. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

15:54:46 Sen. Cohenour

15:56:01 Chair Brown

15:57:08 Recessed
16:15:13 Reconvened with Vice Chair Fitzgerald present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 68

16:15:49 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 68 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:16:07 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Perry made a substitute motion that **SB 68 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70

16:16:56 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 70 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:17:10 Rep. White
16:17:54 Rep. Sweeney
16:18:16 Rep. Fuller

16:18:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. White voting no. Rep. Krautter and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Duram will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79

16:20:46 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 79 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:20:55 Chair Brown

16:21:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Berglee will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 222

16:21:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 222 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Krautter and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. White will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6

16:22:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 12-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Krautter and Rep. Runningwolf voted by proxy. Rep. Gunderson will carry the bill.

16:24:41 Chair Brown
16:24:46 Rep. B. Smith
16:25:30 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:25:40

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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