

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on April 4, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., 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. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (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 341, 4/2/2019; SB 344, 4/2/2019

16:04:19 Rep. B. Smith and Rep. R. Knudsen joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:04:36 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 341, Establish public access land act.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:06:15 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)
16:08:27 Sen. Fred Thomas, SD 44
16:11:24 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
16:12:35 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)
16:13:38 Thomas Baumeister, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (MBHA)
16:14:11 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
16:14:35 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGGA)
16:15:01 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trust (MALT)
16:15:48 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.
16:16:12 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)
16:17:03 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
16:19:16 Colin Cooney, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:19:55 Dustin Temple, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:20:13 Rep. White
16:22:06 Sen. Thomas
16:23:39 Rep. White
16:23:49 Sen. Thomas
16:24:08 Rep. White
16:25:24 Sen. Thomas
16:25:53 Rep. White
16:27:05 Sen. Thomas
16:27:27 Rep. Loge

Closing by Sponsor:

16:27:58 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:29:57 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 344, Authorize recovery/possession of horns/skulls of mtn sheep that died naturally.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:33:53 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

16:34:40 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

16:35:44 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:36:37 Dave Loewen, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:36:56 Rep. Vinton

16:37:31 Dave Loewen, FWP

16:38:10 Rep. B. Smith

16:38:41 Sen. Lang

16:40:16 Rep. Loge

16:40:46 Sen. Lang

16:41:30 Rep. Loge

16:41:45 Sen. Lang

16:42:27 Chair Brown

16:42:33 Sen. Lang

16:42:42 Chair Brown

16:43:33 Dave Loewen, FWP

16:43:40 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

16:43:57 Sen. Lang

16:44:56 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:45:34

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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