

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on April 9, 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. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Runningwolf (D)
Rep. Mark Sweeney (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pad McCracken, Legislative Branch
Hannah Winn, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 333, 4/2/2019; SB 349, 4/2/2019

Executive Action: SB 24, SB 44, SB 127, SB 167, SB 256, SB 333,
SB 341, SB 344, SB 349

15:02:47 Rep. White and Rep. Loge left the meeting.
15:02:51 Chair Brown
15:05:53 Rep. Berglee
15:06:40 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:08:06 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 333, Revise requirements for retention of evidence of sex for harvested animals.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:15 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:12:32 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
15:13:35 Dave Loewen, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih74a01)

15:15:44 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
15:16:26 Scott Cargill, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:23 Rep. Duram
15:17:54 Dave Loewen, FWP
15:18:17 Rep. Duram
15:18:31 Dave Loewen, FWP
15:18:40 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.
15:19:02 Chair Brown
15:19:56 Dave Loewen, FWP
15:20:19 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:20:37 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 349

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:21:06 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 349, Protect fish and wildlife locations from misuse.

EXHIBIT(fih74a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:12 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:30:22 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
15:31:30 Martha Williams, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
15:33:22 Matt Leow, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (MBHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:35:29 Rep. Fuller
 15:35:58 Director Williams, FWP
 15:36:48 Rep. Berglee
 15:38:11 Director Williams, FWP
 15:40:21 Rep. Berglee
 15:40:50 Director Williams, FWP
 15:41:40 Rep. Duram
 15:42:03 Director Williams, FWP
 15:42:54 Rep. Duram
 15:43:17 Director Williams, FWP
 15:43:42 Chair Brown
 15:44:07 Director Williams, FWP
 15:44:46 Chair Brown
 15:45:31 Director Williams, FWP
 15:46:28 Chair Brown
 15:47:01 Director Williams, FWP
 15:47:51 Vice Chair Fitzgerald
 15:48:15 Director Williams, FWP
 15:49:16 Vice Chair Fitzgerald
 15:50:02 Director Williams, FWP
 15:50:30 Vice Chair Fitzgerald
 15:51:03 Director Williams, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:24 Sen. Cohenour
 15:54:18 Recessed
 16:26:41 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24

16:27:08 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 24 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:28:30 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **SB 24 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT([fih74a03](#))

Discussion:

16:28:53 Rep. Duram
 16:29:52 Rep. Berglee
 16:30:22 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 16:30:58 Rep. Loge

16:31:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Loge, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

16:32:38 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **SB 24 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih74a04\)](#)

Discussion:

16:32:57 Chair Brown
16:33:01 Pad McCracken, LSD
16:33:12 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:33:59 Rep. Vinton

16:34:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fuller, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

16:36:09 Rep. Krautter
16:37:09 Chair Brown

16:37:14 **Motion:** Rep. Krautter moved that **SB 24 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:37:37 Rep. Krautter

16:38:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Krautter, Rep. Loge, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

16:39:27 Rep. Berglee
16:40:12 Rep. Farris-Olsen
16:40:44 Pad McCracken, LSD
16:40:55 Rep. Berglee

16:41:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. B. Brown, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fuller, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Vinton and Rep. White voting no. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Welch will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44

16:42:43 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 44 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:43:29 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 44 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih74a05\)](#)

Discussion:

16:43:41 Chair Brown

16:44:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

16:44:36 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 44 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:44:47 Chair Brown
16:45:09 Rep. Duram

16:45:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Perry will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 127

16:47:00 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 127 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:47:46 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 127 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih74a06\)](#)

Discussion:

16:48:06 Pad McCracken, LSD

16:48:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

16:49:05 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 127 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:49:17 Rep. Z. Brown
16:50:02 Rep. Fuller
16:50:27 Rep. Farris-Olsen

16:50:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Z. Brown, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Loge, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. B. Smith, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting aye. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

16:51:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 127 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 167

16:52:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 167 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Berglee will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 256

16:53:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 256 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Z. Brown voting no. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 333

16:54:57 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 333 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:55:33 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 333 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih74a07)

Discussion:

16:55:52 Chair Brown
16:56:11 Rep. Berglee
16:57:10 Pad McCracken, LSD
16:57:55 Rep. Fuller
16:58:38 Rep. Duram
16:59:22 Pad McCracken, LSD
16:59:41 Rep. Vinton
16:59:53 Chair Brown
17:00:21 Rep. Z. Brown

17:01:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-2 by voice vote with Rep. Berglee and Rep. R. Knudsen voting no. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

17:01:57 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 333 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:02:21 Rep. Berglee

17:02:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Berglee will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 341

17:03:23 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 341 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:04:16 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 341 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih74a08)

Discussion:

17:04:30 Pad McCracken, LSD
17:06:02 Chair Brown
17:07:01 Rep. Berglee

17:07:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-16 by voice vote with Rep. Runningwolf and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

17:07:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. B. Smith voting no. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. Regier will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 344

17:08:51 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 344 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:09:07 Rep. Duram
17:10:11 Rep. Fuller
17:10:53 Rep. Sweeney
17:11:32 Rep. Berglee
17:12:20 Chair Brown

17:12:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-6 by voice vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Perry, Rep. Runningwolf, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Sweeney and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy. Rep. B. Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 349

17:14:25 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 349 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:14:40 Chair Brown
17:15:34 Rep. Berglee

17:16:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 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 aye. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

17:17:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved that **SB 349 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. B. Smith and Rep. White voted by proxy.

17:18:15 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:21:00

Hannah Winn, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih74aad.pdf](#))