

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 5, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandenbosch, 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 167, 1/30/2019; SB 174, 1/30/2019

HEARING ON SB 167**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:26 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 167, Revise laws regarding hunting license benefits for military members.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:36 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard (MTNG) Officer and Enlisted Associations
15:07:52 Gary White, American Legion of Montana
15:08:22 Tom Johnson, national representative, Montana Veterans of Foreign Wars
15:08:46 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:09:23 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:40 Sen. Cohenour
15:10:31 Mr. Hagan, MTNG

Closing by Sponsor:

15:11:18 Sen. Gillespie

15:11:58 Recess
15:17:28 Reconvene

15:17:28 Sen. Lang entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 174**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:17:34 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 174, Authorize crossbow hunt for disabled or over 70.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:20 Brad Molnar, Laurel

[EXHIBIT\(fis23a01\)](#)

15:23:10 Sen. Jacobson entered the hearing.

15:32:04 Wayne Walker
15:44:15 SK Rossi, advocacy and policy director, American Civil Liberties Union Montana; Disability Rights Montana; Montana Independent Living Project
15:45:04 Troy Downing

15:45:05 Sen. Howard entered the hearing.

15:49:38 Tyler Hiltner

15:52:59 Gina Lytle

Opponents' Testimony:

15:57:17 Marlon Clapham, president, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

EXHIBIT(fis23a02)

16:04:17 Paul Kemper, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

16:06:34 Joelle Selk, Traditional Bowhunters of Montana (TBM)

16:09:04 Thomas Baumeister, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association

16:11:51 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

EXHIBIT(fis23a03)

16:15:22 Rob Gregoire

EXHIBIT(fis23a04)

16:19:42 Clark Dodd

16:23:15 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association

EXHIBIT(fis23a05)

16:29:33 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

16:30:50 Brian Koelzer

16:33:15 Merri Clapham

Informational Testimony:

16:34:28 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:34:58 Sen. Hinebauch

16:35:27 Mr. Clapham, MBA

16:37:47 Sen. Cohenour

16:38:14 Ms. Selk, TBM

16:38:23 Sen. Cohenour

16:39:23 Mr. McDonald, FWP

16:40:09 Sen. Cohenour

16:40:57 Mr. Clapham

16:41:43 Sen. Cohenour

16:42:20 Mr. Gevock, MWF

16:43:22 Sen. Ellsworth

16:43:51 Ms. Selk

16:46:47 Sen. Ellsworth

16:47:23 Mr. McDonald

16:50:50 Sen. Jacobson

16:51:13 Mr. McDonald

16:52:04 Sen. Jacobson

15:52:09 Mr. McDonald

16:53:06 Chair Fielder

16:53:10 Sen. Jacobson

16:53:12 Chair Fielder

16:53:16 Sen. Jacobson

16:53:19 Chair Fielder
16:53:20 Sen. Jacobson
16:53:21 Chair Fielder
16:53:25 Sen. Jacobson
16:53:34 Chair Fielder
16:53:35 Sen. Jacobson
16:53:38 Sen. Cohenour
16:53:46 Chair Fielder
16:53:58 Sen. Flowers
16:54:41 Mr. McDonald
16:55:34 Sen. Flowers
16:56:08 Mr. Molnar, Laurel
16:57:13 Sen. Jacobson
16:57:43 Mr. McDonald
16:58:35 Sen. Jacobson
16:58:47 Mr. McDonald
16:58:51 Sen. Jacobson
16:58:59 Mr. McDonald
16:59:08 Sen. Jacobson
16:59:28 Mr. McDonald
17:00:44 Sen. McClafferty
17:00:58 Mr. McDonald
17:01:04 Sen. Fielder
17:01:17 Mr. McDonald
17:02:10 Sen. Fielder
17:02:31 Mr. Clapham

Closing by Sponsor:

17:03:58 Sen. Kary

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:11 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

mv

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis23aad.pdf](#))