

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 7, 2019 at 3:05 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)

**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: HB 43, 1/30/2019; HB 104, 1/30/2019

Executive Action: HB 104 - Be Concurred In  
SB 24 - Be Tabled  
SB 102 - Be Tabled

**HEARING ON HB 43****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:58 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 43, Revise landowner elk license laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:08:47 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)  
15:11:34 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation  
15:12:32 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
15:13:17 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana CattleWomen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:13:59 Sen. Ellsworth  
15:14:54 Mr. McDonald, FWP  
15:16:18 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division  
15:16:33 Sen. McClafferty  
15:17:00 Mr. McDonald  
15:17:29 Sen. Lang  
15:17:53 Mr. McDonald  
15:18:43 Sen. Lang  
15:19:17 Mr. McDonald  
15:20:48 Sen. Lang  
15:21:57 Sen. Flowers  
15:22:57 Mr. McDonald  
15:23:31 Sen. Flowers  
15:23:50 Mr. McDonald  
15:24:20 Sen. Hinebauch  
15:24:50 Mr. McDonald  
15:25:32 Sen. Lang  
15:26:23 Sen. Flowers  
15:26:52 Mr. McDonald

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:27:00 Rep. Loge

**HEARING ON HB 104****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:29:21 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 104, Free prerequisite licenses for block management cooperators.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:30:37 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
15:31:12 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:32:05 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation  
15:33:02 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:34:39 Rep. Loge

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24**

15:37:06 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division  
15:37:22 Chair Fielder

15:37:36 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 24 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:37:48 Sen. McClafferty  
15:38:11 Sen. Flowers

**EXHIBIT(fis25a01)**

15:39:38 Chair Fielder  
15:40:24 Sen. Lang  
15:41:28 Sen. Ellsworth  
15:42:39 Sen. Hinebauch  
15:43:29 Sen. McClafferty  
15:44:02 Sen. Ellsworth  
15:44:59 Chair Fielder

15:45:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting aye. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

15:46:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 24 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 102**

15:48:19 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 102 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:48:36 Sen. Flowers  
15:49:27 Sen. Smith entered the meeting.  
15:50:48 Sen. Ellsworth

15:50:51 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Howard and Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

15:51:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 102 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Howard and Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 104**

15:53:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 104 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Howard and Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:54 PM

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Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis25aad.pdf](#))