

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 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)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandenbosch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 94, 1/30/2019; HB 143, 1/30/2019

Executive Action: SB 44 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 127 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 167 - Do Pass
SB 174 - Do Pass
HB 43 - Be Concurred In
HB 143 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:35 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 143, Remove sunset on three-day nonresident bird license.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:44 Dustin Temple, chief of administration, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
15:03:31 Scott Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
15:03:55 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation
15:04:15 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:04:47 Rep. Duram

HEARING ON HB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:05:13 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 94, Clarify hunting access programs' statutes.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:15 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
15:13:51 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:29 Chair Fielder
15:14:36 Rep. Brown

EXHIBIT(fis29a01)

15:15:34 Bill Schenk, FWP
15:20:39 Sen. Jacobson
15:21:02 Mr. Schenk

Closing by Sponsor:

15:22:50 Rep. Brown

15:23:34 Recess
15:37:20 Reconvene

Senator Howard and Senator Lang did not return to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44

15:37:50 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 44 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:37:54 Sen. Cohenour

15:39:25 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 44 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(fis29a02)

15:39:41 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:40:04 Sen. Cohenour

15:40:40 Chair Fielder

15:40:53 Sen. Cohenour

15:41:20 Sen. Smith

15:41:24 Sen. Cohenour

15:41:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang were excused.

15:41:57 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 44 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:42:15 Chair Fielder

15:42:45 Ken McDonald, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

15:43:02 Chair Fielder

15:43:37 Deb O'Neill, FWP

15:44:24 Chair Fielder

15:44:28 Ms. O'Neill

15:45:07 Sen. Ellsworth

15:45:19 Sen. Cohenour

15:46:07 Sen. Ellsworth

15:46:19 Chair Fielder

15:46:33 Mr. Kolman, LSD

15:47:22 Sen. Cohenour

15:48:32 Sen. Smith

15:49:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 127

15:49:49 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 127 DO PASS.**

15:49:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 127 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fis29a03)

15:51:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 127 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 167

15:52:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 167 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 174

15:52:52 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 174 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:53:02 Sen. Cohenour
 15:55:14 Sen. Smith
 15:57:59 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:59:28 Sen. Flowers
 16:03:06 Chair Fielder

16:03:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 43

16:04:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 43 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 143

16:06:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 143 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:07 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis29aad.pdf](#))