

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 19, 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. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandebosch, 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 186, 1/30/2019; SB 187, 1/30/2019

Executive Action: SB 185 - Be Tabled
HB 94 - Be Concurred in as Amended
SJ 6 - Be Amended

HEARING ON SB 186**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:41 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 186, Prohibit contests for predatory animals.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:03 Laura Wakeman

EXHIBIT(fis35a01)

15:06:37 Jennifer Sherry, Natural Resources Defense Council

EXHIBIT(fis35a02)

15:09:44 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

15:11:22 Art Compton, Executive Committee, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club

15:14:26 Thomas Baumeister, president, Orion - The Hunter's Institute

15:16:11 Sofia Deer

15:18:16 Dave Pauli

15:19:06 Wendy Hergenraeder, Montana state director, The Humane Society of the United States

EXHIBIT(fis35a03)

15:20:13 KC York

15:22:40 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

15:24:10 David Roberts

15:25:35 Jacqueline Streng

15:27:31 Catherine Morris

Opponents' Testimony:

15:30:25 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA); Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

15:32:01 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:33:50 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

15:35:38 John Willoughby

Informational Testimony:

15:36:17 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:32 Sen. Hinebauch

15:36:51 Mr. Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

15:37:59 Sen. Hinebauch

15:38:19 Sen. Phillips

15:39:20 Sen. Flowers

15:39:35 Sen. Phillips

15:39:44 Sen. Flowers

15:40:57 Mr. Bodner, MSGA; MCW

15:41:51 Chair Fielder

15:42:04 Mr. Bodner

15:43:11 Chair Fielder
 15:43:35 Mr. McDonald, FWP
 15:43:52 Chair Fielder
 15:44:03 Mr. McDonald
 15:44:15 Chair Fielder
 15:44:38 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:45:11 Mr. Brown, MWGA
 15:45:32 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:45:43 Mr. Brown
 15:46:33 Sen. Ellsworth
 15:46:49 Mr. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:47:09 Sen. Phillips

HEARING ON SB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:49:45 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 187, Prohibit vehicular injury of predatory animals.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:03 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon; Defenders of Wildlife; Greater Yellowstone Coalition
 15:53:29 Dave Pauli, Montana Animal Care Association
 15:54:32 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation
 15:55:19 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
 15:56:01 Laura Wakeman

EXHIBIT(fis35a04)

15:57:12 Wendy Hergenraeder, Montana state director, The Humane Society of the United States

EXHIBIT(fis35a05)

15:58:12 Thomas Baumeister, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association
 15:58:43 KC York
 16:01:02 Art Compton, Executive Committee, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:02:22 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:43 Sen. Ellsworth
 16:03:32 Sen. Phillips
 16:03:53 Sen. Ellsworth
 16:04:03 Sen. Phillips
 16:04:41 Sen. Ellsworth

16:04:59 Mr. McDonald, FWP
16:05:28 Sen. Ellsworth
16:05:51 Mr. McDonald
16:06:00 Sen. Ellsworth
16:06:08 Mr. McDonald
16:06:15 Sen. Flowers
16:07:25 Mr. McDonald
16:07:30 Sen. Cohenour
16:08:08 Sen. Cohenour
16:08:29 Sen. Phillips
16:09:58 Sen. Hinebauch
16:10:15 Sen. Phillips
16:10:39 Chair Fielder
16:10:56 Mr. McDonald
16:11:42 Chair Fielder
16:11:45 Mr. McDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

16:12:03 Sen. Phillips

16:13:16 Recess

16:20:31 Reconvene

Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6

16:20:59 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SJ 6 DO PASS.**

16:21:37 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SJ 6 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fis35a06\)](#)

Discussion:

16:22:02 Sen. Cuffe
16:25:42 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:25:55 Chair Fielder
16:26:12 Sen. Cuffe
16:30:07 Chair Fielder
16:30:46 Sen. Cohenour
16:31:20 Sen. Cuffe
16:32:13 Sen. Flowers
16:33:36 Sen. Cuffe
16:34:39 Mr. Kolman, LSD
16:34:41 Sen. Cuffe
16:35:12 Chair Fielder
16:35:36 Sen. Cuffe
16:36:54 Sen. Smith
16:37:22 Sen. Cuffe
16:38:32 Chair Fielder

16:38:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy.

16:38:50 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

16:39:31 Chair Fielder

16:40:30 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

16:42:24 Chair Fielder

16:43:15 Mr. McDonald, FWP

16:45:35 Sen. Flowers

16:48:41 Chair Fielder

16:48:46 Sen. Cuffe

16:49:02 Chair Fielder

16:49:12 Mr. Kolman

16:49:47 Sen. Flowers

16:50:18 Sen. Cuffe

16:50:34 Chair Fielder

16:50:38 Sen. Cuffe

16:50:41 Mr. Kolman

16:50:44 Sen. Cuffe

16:50:54 Chair Fielder

16:51:00 Mr. Kolman

16:51:16 Chair Fielder

16:51:26 Without objection, Sen. Hinebauch withdrew the DO PASS AS AMENDED motion.

16:51:44 Sen. Cuffe

16:52:05 Chair Fielder

16:51:33 Sen. Jacobson entered the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 185

16:52:21 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 185 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:52:41 Sen. Ellsworth

16:52:56 Chair Fielder

16:53:52 Sen. Flowers

16:55:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-9 by voice vote with Sen. McClafferty voting aye. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy.

16:56:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 185 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 94

16:56:41 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 94 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:56:52 Mr. Kolman

16:58:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 94 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fis35a07)

16:59:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **HB 94 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McClafferty voted by proxy. Sen. Flowers will carry the bill.

Committee Discussion:

16:59:40 Chair Fielder

17:00:14 Sen. Howard

17:00:25 Chair Fielder

17:00:45 Sen. Cohenour

17:00:52 Sen. Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:01 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis35aad.pdf](#))