

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 21, 2019 at 3:05 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. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mike Lang (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: SR 26, 2/13/2019; SR 27, 2/8/2019; SB 222, 2/8/2019; SB 256, 2/15/2019

Executive Action: SB 222 - Do Pass as Amended  
SB 256 - Do Pass as Amended  
SJ 6 - Do Pass as Amended  
SB 186 - Be Tabled  
SB 187 - Be Tabled

**HEARING ON SR 27****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:08:02 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SR 27, Confirm Governor's appointees to state parks and recreation board.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:09:12 Angie Grove, acting chair, Montana State Parks and Recreation Board (MSPRB)  
15:11:43 Mary Sheehy Moe, appointee, MSPRB  
15:12:53 Scott Brown, appointee, MSPRB  
15:13:51 Erica Lighthiser, appointee, MSPRB  
15:16:36 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association

15:17:03 Sen. Cohenour and Sen. Howard left the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:18:05 Jim Gustafson, Friends of Hell Creek

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

15:20:20 Sen. Ellsworth  
15:21:06 Ms. Lighthiser, appointee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:23:38 Sen. Fielder

**HEARING ON SR 26****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:24:15 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SR 26, Confirm Governor's appointees to board of outfitters.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:25:19 John Way, acting chairman, Montana Board of Outfitters (MBO)  
15:27:25 Rob Arnaud, appointee, MBO  
15:28:01 Matt Greemore, acting vice chairman, MBO  
15:29:21 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association  
15:30:42 Mike Bias, executive director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana  
15:31:54 Sam Milodragovich, Montana Sportsmen's Alliance

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

15:32:52 Sen. McClafferty  
15:33:20 Mr. Way, MBO

15:33:37 Sen. Cohenour entered the hearing.

15:34:10 Sen. McClafferty  
15:34:55 Sen. Smith  
15:35:24 Mr. Way  
15:36:24 Sen. Smith  
15:37:10 Sen. Cohenour  
15:37:44 Sen. Flowers  
  
15:37:51 Sen. Jacobson entered the hearing.  
  
15:38:27 Mr. Way

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:40:07 Sen. Fielder

**HEARING ON SB 256****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:41:24 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 256, Authorize transfer of harvested game animal.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:42:55 Sam Milodragovich, Skyline Sportsmen  
15:43:33 Rob Arnaud, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a01\)](#)

15:44:35 Mac Minard, executive director, MOGA

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a02\)](#)

15:46:23 Robert Aronsen, Safari Club International (SCI)

[EXHIBIT\(fis37a03\)](#)

15:48:03 Lee Hart, Broken Hart Ranch

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:52:04 Sen. Jacobson  
15:52:16 Mr. Minard, MOGA  
15:53:28 Sen. Flowers  
15:54:05 Sen. Ellsworth  
15:54:43 Ron Jendro, assistant chief of law enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:55:24 Sen. Ellsworth

**HEARING ON SB 222****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:55:51 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 222, Revise rulemaking authority of the Board of Outfitters.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:56:48 John Way  
16:00:27 Rob Arnaud  
16:02:05 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association  
16:03:35 Matt Greemore  
16:04:41 Mike Bias, executive director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

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

16:07:46 Hank Worsech, legislative liaison, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:08:11 Sen. Cohenour

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 222**

16:09:01 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 222 DO PASS.**

16:09:25 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 222 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fis37a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:09:31 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

16:11:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

16:11:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 222 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 256**

16:12:06 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 256 DO PASS.**

16:12:27 **Motion:** Sen. Ellsworth moved that **SB 256 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fis37a05\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:12:39 Joe Kolman, Legislative Service Division

16:13:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

16:14:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 256 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

Sen. Howard returned to the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 186**

16:15:13 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 186 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

16:15:32 Sen. Flowers  
 16:17:05 Sen. Ellsworth  
 16:18:07 Chair Fielder  
 16:18:26 Sen. Flowers  
 16:19:20 Chair Fielder  
 16:21:29 Sen. Cohenour  
 16:23:08 Sen. Hinebauch

16:24:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers and Sen. McClafferty voting aye. Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

16:25:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 186 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Lang was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 6**

16:25:49 Chair Fielder  
 16:26:08 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 16:26:55 Sen. Cuffe  
 16:27:01 Sen. Fielder  
 16:27:07 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
 16:27:11 Chair Fielder

16:27:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved to **RECONSIDER THE COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS ACTION AND REMOVE AMENDMENT SJ000601.AJK FROM SJ 6**. (amended on 2/19/2019) Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Lang was excused.

16:27:58 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SJ 6 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(fis37a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:28:32 Mr. Kolman  
 16:29:06 Sen. Cohenour

16:29:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Lang was excused.

16:29:36 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:29:42 Sen. Fielder  
 16:29:49 Sen. Cuffe  
 16:31:02 Sen. Flowers  
 16:31:28 Sen. Ellsworth  
 16:31:47 Chair Fielder  
 16:33:27 Sen. Howard

16:33:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 187**

16:33:58 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 187 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:34:22 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 16:35:36 Chair Fielder

16:35:43 **Motion:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 187 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fis37a07\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:35:57 Sen. Cohenour  
 16:35:59 Mr. Kolman, LSD  
 16:36:28 Sen. Cohenour  
 16:37:15 Sen. Hinebauch

16:37:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting aye. Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

16:38:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Howard moved that **SB 187 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Lang voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:39 PM

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Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT**([fis37aad.pdf](#))