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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Vice Chair Steve Hinebauch, on April 4, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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: Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)

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: HB 423, 3/20/2019; HB 432, 3/20/2019

HEARING ON HB 423**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:13 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 423, Provide discount state park camping for veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:33 Tom Johnson, national and state legislative representative, Veterans of Foreign War

15:04:18 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of American Legion; Air and Army National Guard Enlisted Associations

15:05:07 Gary White, department adjutant, American Legion of Montana

15:05:55 Sen. Lang entered the hearing.

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

15:06:05 Beth Shumate, Parks and Recreation Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:06:32 Sen. McClafferty

15:06:45 Ms. Shumate, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:07:11 Rep. Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 432**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:08:24 Rep. Marilyn Marler (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 432, Allow bonus points for limited fishing licenses, tags, and permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:10:47 Nick Gevock, conservation director, Montana Wildlife Federation

15:11:17 Sen. Jacobson entered the hearing.

15:11:29 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

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

15:12:38 Sen. Ellsworth

15:13:17 Ms. Cooper, FWP

15:13:38 Sen. Lang

15:13:54 Ms. Cooper
15:14:16 Sen. Lang
15:14:31 Ms. Cooper
15:14:47 Sen. Lang
15:14:56 Ms. Cooper
15:15:01 Sen. Lang
15:15:16 Sen. McClafferty
15:15:31 Ms. Cooper
15:15:47 Sen. Cohenour
15:16:17 Rep. Marler
15:16:41 Sen. Cohenour
15:16:55 Rep. Marler
15:17:31 Sen. Ellsworth
15:18:00 Ms. Cooper
15:18:38 Sen. McClafferty
15:18:46 Ms. Cooper
15:19:13 Sen. Flowers

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:40 Rep. Marler

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:21 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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