

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on January 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Chair (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Neil Duram, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 108, 1/7/2021; HB 120, 1/7/2021

15:01:20 Vice Chair Duram joined the meeting.
15:01:45 Chair Fitzgerald
15:02:37 Vice Chair Duram
15:02:44 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:02:48 Chair Fitzgerald

HEARING ON HB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:09 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 108, Revise trespass laws regarding permission for hunting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:02 Rep. Wylie Galt, self
15:08:08 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGA)
15:10:20 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association
15:11:17 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:13:18 Ron Howell, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:58 Rep. Fielder
15:14:25 Rep. Loge
15:15:05 Rep. Fielder
15:15:14 Rep. Loge
15:15:28 Ron Howell, FWP
15:15:54 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:18:39 Rep. Loge
15:19:02 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:19:14 Rep. Farris-Olsen
15:19:50 Rep. Loge
15:20:30 Ron Howell, FWP
15:20:49 Rep. Farris-Olsen
15:21:12 Rep. Loge
15:21:54 Vice Chair Duram
15:22:20 Rep. Loge
15:23:17 Vice Chair Duram
15:23:35 Rep. Loge
15:24:12 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:25:39 Ron Howell, FWP
15:26:33 Rep. France
15:27:11 Rep. Wylie Galt, self

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:58 Rep. Denley Loge

HEARING ON HB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:29:12 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 120, Revising laws related to bonus points.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:31:21 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:32:36 Ron Jendro, Montana Fish, Wildlife, Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:33:06 Vice Chair Duram
15:33:54 Ron Jendro, FWP
15:34:05 Vice Chair Duram
15:34:13 Ron Jendro, FWP
15:34:15 Vice Chair Duram
15:34:18 Ron Jendro, FWP
15:34:27 Vice Chair Duram
15:34:37 Ron Jendro, FWP
15:34:50 Rep. Berglee
15:35:20 Ron Jendro, FWP
15:35:30 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:36:06 Ron Jendro, FWP
15:36:18 Rep. J. Hinkle
15:36:38 Ron Jendro, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:05 Rep. Denley Loge

Committee Business:

15:38:35 Chair Fitzgerald
15:39:24 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:39:39 Chair Fitzgerald

ADJOURNMENT

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15:40:00

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih07aad.pdf](#))