

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on January 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald, Chair (R)
Rep. Neil Duram, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
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. Tom France (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 40, 1/7/2021; HB 119, 1/7/2021
Executive action: HB 108; HB 120

14:58:45 Chair Fitzgerald
15:59:48 Rep. France joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:45 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 40, Revising laws on mandatory decontamination of vessels with ballast and bladders.

EXHIBIT(fih09a01)

15:08:21 Rep. Berglee left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:56 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited (TU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:11:06 Thomas Woolf, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:11:35 Rep. Putnam
15:12:02 Rep. Curdy
15:12:28 Jesse Tack, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
15:12:35 Thomas Woolf, FWP
15:13:21 Rep. Putnam
15:13:39 Thomas Woolf, FWP
15:14:17 Rep. Reksten
15:14:49 Rep. Fielder
15:15:27 Thomas Woolf, FWP
15:16:21 Rep. Reksten
15:16:48 Thomas Woolf, FWP
15:17:56 Rep. Phalen
15:18:17 Rep. Curdy
15:20:58 Chair Fitzgerald
15:21:17 Rep. Curdy
15:22:41 Rep. Reksten
15:23:05 Rep. Curdy
15:23:29 Thomas Woolf, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:42 Rep. Willis Curdy

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:26:50 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 119, Requiring FW Commission approval of certain landowner elk licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:30:40 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:32:38 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:33:46 Robert Bold, Self

EXHIBIT(fih09a02)

15:37:59 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:39:58 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:40:58 Rep. Denley Loge

Committee business:

15:41:47 Chair Fitzgerald

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 108

15:42:45 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 108 DO PASS.**

15:43:06 **Motion:** Rep. Fielder moved that **HB 108 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(fih09a03)

Discussion:

15:44:12 Chair Fitzgerald

15:44:17 Rep. J. Hinkle

15:44:20 Chair Fitzgerald

15:44:34 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:44:45 Rep. Marler

15:45:04 Chair Fitzgerald

15:45:40 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Duram made a substitute motion without objection that the Committee Recess.

15:45:45 Recessed

15:54:21 Reconvened

15:54:26 Chair Fitzgerald

15:54:44 Rep. Fielder

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15:55:44 Rep. Fielder
15:56:15 Chair Fitzgerald
15:56:28 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:56:49 Rep. Loge
15:55:34 Chair Fitzgerald
15:55:45 Rep. Fielder
15:56:56 Rep. Loge
15:57:20 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen
15:57:38 Chair Fitzgerald

15:57:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

15:58:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Farris-Olsen moved that **HB 108 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Berglee voting no. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fih09a04)

15:59:58 Hope Stockwell, LSD

16:00:17 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 108 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

16:00:22 Berglee
16:00:55 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:01:50 Rep. Berglee
16:01:57 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:02:27 Chair Fitzgerald
16:02:36 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:03:06 Chair Fitzgerald
16:03:29 Rep. Duram
16:04:12 Rep. Loge
16:05:29 Rep. Duram
16:05:51 Rep. Loge
16:06:30 Rep. Duram
16:06:57 Chair Fitzgerald
16:07:04 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:08:08 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:09:00 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:09:50 Rep. Fielder
16:10:14 Rep. Putnam
16:10:31 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:10:47 Rep. J. Hinkle

16:11:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. Mitchell and Rep. Putnam voting no. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120

16:14:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 120 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

16:15:24 Rep. Loge
16:16:14 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:19:19 Rep. Loge
16:20:02 Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Clerk
16:20:37 Rep. J. Hinkle
16:21:22 Rep. Knudsen
16:21:42 Chair Fitzgerald
16:22:32 Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Clerk
16:22:40 Hope Stockwell, LSD
16:23:05 Rep. France
16:23:10 Chair Fitzgerald

ADJOURNMENT

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16:23:33

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih09aad.pdf](#))