

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Gunderson, on February 15, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Tom France (D)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Katherine Anderson, 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 382, 2/12/2021  
Executive Action on: SB 53; HB 320; HB 152

**HEARING ON HB 382****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:39 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 382, Generally revise the use of exploding targets.

**EXHIBIT(nah31a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:07:47 Leonard Lundby, Manchester Volunteer Fire Department

15:09:31 Rep. Marler joined the meeting.

15:09:53 Rocky Infanger, Wolf Creek/Craig Fire Service Area; Lewis & Clark Rural Fire Council; Montana State Fire Chiefs' Association (MSFCA)

15:11:49 Sheriff Leo Dutton, Fire Warden of Lewis and Clark County (LLC)

15:15:44 Carmen Borchelt, Montana Audubon

**EXHIBIT(nah31a02)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:18:08 Cory Calnan, Fire Protection Bureau of the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

15:18:38 Sonya Germann, Forestry Division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:19:28 Rep. Malone

15:22:05 Sheriff Dutton, LLC

15:23:27 Rep. Fitzgerald

15:25:49 Sheriff Dutton, LLC

15:26:53 Leonard Lundy, Manchester Volunteer Fire Department

15:27:39 Rep. Galloway

15:28:18 Rep. Fielder

15:28:59 Rep. Curdy

15:29:24 Rep. Gist

15:33:23 Sheriff Dutton, LLC

15:34:02 Rep. Galloway

15:34:58 Sheriff Dutton, LLC

15:36:06 Rep. Malone

15:37:26 Rep. Curdy

15:38:43 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:39:24 Rep. Noland joined the meeting.

15:39:32 Vice Chair R. Knudsen

15:41:28 Sheriff Dutton, LLC

15:42:52 Chair Gunderson

15:44:36 Rep. Curdy

15:45:40 Vice Chair R. Knudsen

15:47:02 Rep. Curdy

15:47:22 Sonya Germann, DNRC

15:47:54 Vice Chair R. Knudsen  
15:48:13 Rep. Curdy  
15:48:28 Rep. France  
15:49:13 Rep. Curdy  
15:50:20 Rep. Gist  
15:50:58 Rep. Curdy  
15:52:42 Rep. Gist

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:53:22 Rep. Curdy

15:56:00 Chair Gunderson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 152**

15:57:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 152 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with Rep. Fielder and Rep. R. Knudsen voting no.

15:58:38 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 152 DO PASS**.

15:58:45 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 152 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT(nah31a03)**

**Discussion:**

15:59:29 Rep. Fielder  
16:00:12 Joe Kolman, LSD  
16:03:03 Rep. Fielder  
16:04:05 Chair Gunderson  
16:07:15 Joe Kolman, LSD  
16:07:20 Rep. Putnam  
16:08:07 Chair Gunderson  
16:08:37 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:08:53 Without objection, Rep. R. Knudsen withdrew the **BE AMENDED** motion.

16:09:28 Chair Gunderson  
16:09:47 Rep. France  
16:10:11 Chair Gunderson  
16:10:51 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
16:11:14 Chair Gunderson  
16:11:22 Rep. Farris- Olsen  
16:11:31 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:12:06 Recess  
16:31:11 Reconvened

16:31:14 Without objection, Rep. R. Knudsen withdrew the **DO PASS** motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 320**

16:31:40 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HB 320 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:31:58 Rep. Marler

16:32:59 Rep. Fielder

16:35:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Putnam and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 53**

16:37:10 **Motion:** Rep. R. Knudsen moved that **HR 53 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:37:30 Rep. Walsh

16:38:16 Rep. Galloway

16:38:44 Rep. Malone

16:39:11 Chair Gunderson

16:40:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Walsh will carry the bill.

16:41:40 Rep. Walsh

16:42:34 Vice Chair Curdy

16:42:52 Vice Chair R. Knudsen

16:43:25 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:43:55 Chair Gunderson

16:44:27 Rep. Marler

16:45:16 Chair Gunderson

16:45:23 Rep. Marler

16:46:02 Joe Kolman, LSD

16:46:45 Rep. Marler

16:47:09 The committee voted unanimously to request a bill be drafted to declare that the first full week in June be recognized as Noxious Weed Awareness Week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:47:57

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Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nah31aad.pdf](#))