

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross H. Fitzgerald, on February 18, 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. Tom France (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)

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:

Executive Action: HB 305; HB 353; SB 115

15:11:09 Rep. Loge left the meeting.

Committee Business:

15:11:35 Chair Duram
15:11:52 Rep. France
15:12:09 Chair Duram
15:12:13 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:12:35 Chair Duram
15:12:48 Rep. France
15:13:01 Chair Duram

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147

15:13:10 **Motion:** Rep. France moved that **HB 147 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

15:13:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by roll call vote with Rep. R. Knudsen and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting no. Rep. Berglee, Rep. Fielder and Rep. Mitchell were excused.

15:14:07 Rep. Berglee joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 160

15:15:29 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 160 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

15:15:49 Rep. France
15:15:56 Chair Duram
15:16:21 Rep. Berglee
15:16:33 Chair Duram
15:16:55 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
15:17:11 Chair Duram

15:17:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-4 by voice vote with Rep. Berglee, Rep. R. Knudsen, Rep. Putnam and Rep. Reksten voting no. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell were excused.

15:22:29 Recessed

15:52:34 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 305

15:53:06 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 305 DO PASS.**

15:53:22 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 305 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fih34a01\)](#)

Discussion:

- 15:53:33 Rep. Berglee
- 15:54:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell were excused.
- 15:55:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 305 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 353

- 15:56:40 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 353 DO PASS.**
- 15:56:57 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 353 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih34a02\)](#)

Discussion:

- 15:57:50 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 15:57:59 Rep. Berglee
- 15:58:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.
- 15:58:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **HB 353 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 16-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen and Rep. Marler voting no. Rep. Fielder, Rep. France, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

- 16:01:16 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:01:37 **Motion:** Rep. Reksten moved that **SB 115 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih34a03\)](#)

Discussion:

- 16:02:06 Chair Duram
- 16:02:23 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 16:03:00 Chair Duram
- 16:03:05 Rep. Berglee
- 16:03:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.
- 16:04:05 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:04:19 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **SB 115 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih34a04)

Discussion:

16:04:25 Rep. Berglee

16:04:53 Rep. R. Knudsen

16:05:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy.

16:05:45 **Motion:** Rep. J. Hinkle moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:05:59 Rep. Marler

16:06:49 Rep. Putnam

16:07:35 Rep. Berglee

16:08:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Novak and Rep. Putnam voting no. Rep. Fielder, Rep. Loge and Rep. Mitchell voted by proxy. Rep. Phalen will carry the bill.

16:09:54 Without objection Chair Duram moved to **POSTPONE ACTION** on **HB 147** and **HB 160.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:10:12

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih34aad.pdf](#))