

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on January 5, 2021 at 3:01 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrancesco, 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:

Organizational meeting

15:01:39 Chair Hinebauch

Introduction of Committee Members and Staff:

15:03:23 Sen. Cohenour
 15:04:32 Sen. Hertz
 15:06:38 Sen. Jacobson
 15:08:51 Sen. Flowers
 15:09:35 Sen. McClafferty
 15:10:15 Sen. Howard
 15:10:56 Chair Hinebauch
 15:15:20 Nadine Spencer, committee support supervisor
 15:16:08 Alex Colafrancesco, remote meeting coordinator
 15:16:53 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Committee Business - Rules:

15:18:04 Chair Hinebauch

EXHIBIT(fis02a01)

15:19:12 Sen. Jacobson
 15:19:14 Mr. Kolman, LSD
 15:19:59 Sen. Jacobson
 15:20:01 Mr. Kolman
 15:20:22 Chair Hinebauch
 15:20:28 Sen. Jacobson
 15:20:38 Sen. Brown
 15:21:44 Mr. Colafrancesco
 15:22:18 Chair Hinebauch

15:22:26 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that informational witnesses will present their area of expertise.

Discussion:

15:22:53 Mr. Kolman
 15:24:21 Mr. Colafrancesco
 15:24:49 Sen. Brown withdrew his motion.
 15:25:21 Sen. Cohenour
 15:26:10 Sen. Jacobson
 15:26:19 Chair Hinebauch
 15:27:47 Mr. Kolman
 15:27:51 Chair Hinebauch
 15:28:08 Mr. Kolman
 15:29:29 Mr. Colafrancesco
 15:29:51 Sen. Flowers
 15:30:18 Sen. Hinebauch
 15:30:22 Mr. Kolman
 15:31:55 Chair Hinebauch
 15:31:58 Sen. Flowers
 15:32:40 Chair. Hinebauch
 15:32:47 Sen. Flowers
 15:32:57 Sen. Flowers

15:33:00 **Motion:** Sen. Flowers moved to have the chair authorize video or audio absentee testimony.

Discussion:

15:33:06 Sen. Cohenour
 15:33:55 Chair Hinebauch
 15:34:07 Sen. Cohenour
 15:34:57 Sen. Jacobson
 15:35:36 Chair Hinebauch
 15:36:19 Mr. Kolman
 15:36:42 Sen. Hertz
 15:37:20 Sen. Brown
 15:39:08 Chair Hinebauch

15:39:10 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved a substitute motion striking "absentee" and inserting "pre-recorded."

Discussion:

15:39:40 Sen. Flowers
 15:40:00 Sen. Brown
 15:40:07 Sen. Cohenour
 15:40:24 Mr. Kolman

15:40:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

15:41:35 Chair Hinebauch
 15:41:39 Sen. Jacobson
 15:42:09 Sen. Cohenour
 15:43:43 Chair Hinebauch
 15:43:55 Sen. Cohenour
 15:45:00 Chair Hinebauch
 15:45:36 Sen. Cohenour
 15:45:37 Sen. Jacobson
 15:46:03 Chair Hinebauch
 15:46:10 Sen. Brown
 15:46:44 Sen. Cohenour

15:46:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jacobson moved to strike the last sentence in II(D). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion:

15:47:42 Sen. Brown
 15:48:36 Sen. Jacobson
 15:49:09 Sen. Hertz
 15:49:31 Sen. Cohenour

15:50:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jacobson moved to insert "unless opposed by a member of the committee" after "controversial bills" to Rule II(B). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote..

Committee Discussion:

15:50:40 Chair Hinebauch
15:51:06 Sen. Brown
15:51:19 Mr. Kolman
15:51:40 Sen. Brown
15:51:46 Sen. Hertz
15:52:13 Sen. Cohenour
15:52:44 Mr. Kolman
15:53:52 Chair Hinebauch
15:54:34 Mr. Kolman
15:57:19 Chair Hinebauch
15:57:28 Sen. Flowers
15:58:07 Chair Hinebauch
15:58:43 Ms. Spencer
15:59:23 Sen. Cohenour
15:59:48 Chair Hinebauch
15:59:56 Mr. Kolman

Public Comment:

16:00:14 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited
16:00:55 Frank Szollosi, director, Montana Wildlife Federation

EXHIBIT(fis02a02)

16:01:45 Chair Hinebauch
16:02:03 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited
16:02:25 Chair Hinebauch

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:02 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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