

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on January 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Heather Van Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 115, 1/18/2021; SB 105, 1/14/2021; SB 116, 1/18/2021

Executive Action: HB 45, HB 48, HB 54: Be Concurred In

HEARING ON SB 105**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:33 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB105, Revise penalties for criminal trespass while collecting antlers/sheds/horns.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:59 Joe Cohenour, citizen

15:04:58 Sen. Brown entered the meeting.

15:06:27 Dale Tribby, Miles City

15:08:07 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:09:21 Dave Loewen, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:50 Sen. Hertz

15:09:46 Sen. Cohenour

15:09:50 Sen. Hertz

15:10:31 Mr. Cohenour, citizen

15:11:13 Sen. McClafferty

15:11:49 Mr. Cohenour

15:12:02 Sen. McClafferty

15:13:17 Sen. Brown

15:13:52 Mr. Lowen, FWP

15:14:31 Sen. Brown

15:14:50 Mr. Lowen

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:38 Sen. Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 54

15:20:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 54 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45

15:22:11 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 45 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

15:22:18 Sen. Brown
 15:24:10 Sen. McClafferty
 15:24:39 Sen. Hertz
 15:25:13 Sen. Brown
 15:25:37 Sen. Hertz
 15:25:44 Sen. Brown
 15:26:00 Sen. Flowers
 15:26:41 Chair Hinebauch

15:26:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. McClafferty will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 48

15:27:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 48 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNOR NOMINEES FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

15:29:06 Patrick Tabor, nominee

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:31:07 Chair Hinebauch
 15:31:25 Sen. Cohenour
 15:31:38 Chair Hinebauch
 15:32:59 Mr. Tabor, nominee

 15:34:27 Brian Cebull, nominee

 15:37:38 K.C. Walsh, nominee

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:41:58 Sen. Cohenour
 15:42:28 Mr. Walsh, nominee
 15:44:45 Sen. Cohenour
 15:45:47 Mr. Cebull, nominee
 15:47:14 Sen. Cohenour
 15:47:52 Sen. Flowers
 15:49:02 Chair Hinebauch

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:49:38 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB115, Establish acquisitions requiring land board consideration.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:53:45 Robert Sanders, manager, Conservation Programs, Ducks Unlimited (DU)

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a02\)](#)

15:57:43 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited; also representing Montana Sporting Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a03\)](#)

16:00:23 John Rumney, Cascade

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a04\)](#)

16:03:08 Frank Szollosi, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a05\)](#)

16:03:40 Dick Dolan, Northern Rockies director, Trust for Public Land

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a06\)](#)

16:06:40 Molly VandeVoort, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a07\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis14a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:10:24 Sen. Flowers
16:14:19 Sen. Regier
16:14:44 Sen. Hertz
16:15:33 Sen. Regier
16:15:52 Sen. Cohenour
16:16:46 Sen. Regier
16:17:18 Sen. Brown
16:17:36 Mr. Rumney, Cascade
16:17:41 Sen. Brown
16:18:03 Mr. Rumney
16:18:27 Sen. Brown
16:18:46 Mr. Rumney
16:19:09 Sen. Hinebauch
16:19:23 Mr. Sanders
16:19:30 Sen. Hinebauch
16:19:42 Mr Sanders, DU
16:20:30 Sen. Hinebauch
16:20:36 Mr. Sanders
16:21:48 Sen. Hinebauch
16:21:53 Mr. Sanders
16:21:58 Sen. Hinebauch
16:22:04 Mr. Sanders
16:22:15 Sen. Hinebauch
16:22:27 Mr. Sanders

16:23:01 Sen. Hinebauch
16:23:14 Mr. Sanders
16:23:30 Sen Hinebauch
16:23:36 Sen. Hertz
16:23:55 Mr. Sanders
16:24:33 Sen. Hertz
16:24:52 Sen. Brown
16:25:20 Mr. Sanders

Closing by Sponsor:

16:28:21 Sen. Regier
16:29:49 Sen. Hinebauch

HEARING ON SB 116

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:30:13 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB116, Revising antlerless elk tag license laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:32:41 Rep. Denley Loge, HD 14

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:35:31 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, FWP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:35:48 Sen. Hertz
16:36:23 Sen. Ankney
16:36:34 Ms. Cooper, FWP
16:37:01 Sen. Brown
16:37:53 Ms. Cooper

Closing by Sponsor:

16:38:31 Sen. Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:41PM

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis14aad.pdf](#))