

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Hinebauch, on March 16, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D))  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Anthony Nuno, 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 305, 3/11/2021

Executive Action: HB 242- Be Concurred In  
SB 255 - Be Tabled  
HB 305 - Be Concurred In

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 242**

15:02:45 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 242 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

15:03:07 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

15:04:11 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 242 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(fis52a01)**

**Discussion:**

15:04:26 Sen. Ellsworth

15:04:52 Chair Hinebauch

15:05:24 Sen. Brown

15:05:44 Sen. Cohenour

15:06:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting aye. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

15:07:26 Sen. Jacobson entered the meeting.

**Discussion:**

15:07:39 Sen. Cohenour

15:08:18 Sen. Hertz

15:08:23 Sen. Brown left the meeting.

15:08:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Hertz will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 255**

15:10:30 **Motion:** Sen. Flowers moved that **SB 255 DO PASS.**

15:10:44 **Motion:** Sen. Flowers moved that **SB 255 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(fis52a02)**

**Discussion:**

15:11:22 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:11:35 Sen. Cohenour

15:12:08 Sen. Hertz

15:12:17 Mr. Kolman, LSD

15:12:32 Sen. Cohenour

15:13:00 Chair Hinebauch

15:13:36 Sen. Flowers

15:16:51 Sen. Jacobson

- 15:12:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.
- 15:14:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Flowers moved that **SB 255 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting aye. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.
- 15:15:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hertz moved that **SB 255 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brown, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

**Discussion on HB 202:**

- 15:16:55 Sen. Jacobson  
15:18:02 Chair Hinebauch

**HEARING ON HB 305****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 15:18:19 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB305, Generally revise laws related to roadside menageries, wildlife sanctuaries, zoos.
- 15:19:02 Sen. Ellsworth left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 15:19:37 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
[EXHIBIT\(fis52a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

- 15:20:48 Aimee Hawkaluk, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 15:21:27 Sen. Flowers  
15:21:56 Rep. Berglee  
15:22:39 Sen. Flowers  
15:23:19 Rep. Berglee  
15:23:36 Sen. Flowers  
15:23:47 Ms. Hawkaluk, FWP  
15:23:58 Sen. Hertz  
15:24:24 Ms. Hawkaluk  
15:24:57 Chair Hinebauch  
15:25:06 Rep. Berglee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

- 15:25:31 Rep Berglee

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 305**

15:26:09

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hertz moved that **HB 305 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Brown, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Ellsworth will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:27 PM

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fis52aad.pdf](#))