

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross Fitzgerald-R, on March 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom France, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)

Staff Present: Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
LJ Jennings, Secretary
Rolf Johnson, 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:

Executive Action:

SB 84
SB 280

SB 281

SB 324

SB 354

SB 388 TO TABLE

SJ 14

SB 356

HB 854 TO TAKE FROM THE

TABLE

HB 843 DO PASS AS AMENDED

15:02:06 Rep. Parry has left

15:02:20 Rep. Loge has left

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84 - Revise laws related to hunting and aircraft use

15:03:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 84 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:05:12 **Motion:** Rep. Marilyn Marler moved that **SB 84 BE AMENDED.**

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. France, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Miner, Rep. Running Wolf, voting yes.
Rep. Running Wolf, By Proxy

15:13:44 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 84 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Butcher, voting no.

15:13:44 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Marilyn Marler

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 280 - Revise bird dog training laws

15:15:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 280 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:15:19 **Motion:** Rep. Marilyn Marler moved that **SB 280 BE AMENDED.**

09:27:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:16:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 280 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

09:29:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Duram, voting no.

15:16:47 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 281 - Revise laws related to nonresident hunting and fishing

15:20:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 281 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Butcher, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Ler, Rep. Loge, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Vinton,

voting no.
Rep. Loge, By Proxy

15:20:50 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Eric Matthews

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 324 - Revise FWP information disclosure laws

15:23:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 324 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:23:53 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Paul Fielder

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 354 - Reciprocity for out of state trappers

15:25:38 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 354 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:26:10 Rep. Eric Matthews

15:26:39 Rep. Paul Fielder

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. France, Rep. Marler, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Running Wolf, voting no.
Rep. Running Wolf, By Proxy

15:25:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Paul Fielder

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 388 - Revise nonresident bird hunting

15:28:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 388 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:29:24 Rep. Paul Fielder

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. France, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Running Wolf, voting yes.
Rep. Running Wolf, By Proxy

15:31:28 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Butcher moved that **SB 388 TO TABLE.**

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 14 - Resolution opposing bison introduction at Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge

15:32:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SJ 14 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:32:20 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:32:53 Vice Chair Tom France

15:33:54 Rep. Marilyn Marler

15:34:24 Rep. Lee Deming

15:34:55 Rep. Brandon Ler left the meeting.

15:35:06 Rep. Edward Butcher

15:36:04 Rep. Paul Fielder

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. France, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Running Wolf, voting no. Rep. Running Wolf, By Proxy

15:32:07 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Butcher

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 356 - Require notification to sheriff of game check stations

15:42:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **SB 356 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Duram, Rep. France, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Running Wolf, voting no. Rep. Running Wolf, By Proxy

15:42:07 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Phalen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 854 - Revise trapping laws to require warning signs

15:44:00 **Motion:** Chair Ross Fitzgerald moved that **HB 854 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

15:44:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Duram, Rep. France, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Miner, voting yes.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 843 - Free hunting/fishing for service members/veterans with 50% disability rating

15:46:08 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 843 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

- 14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Butcher, Rep. Duram, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Marler, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Miner, Rep. Phalen, voting no.
- 15:52:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 843 RECONSIDER AMENDMENT PREVIOUS AMENDMENT MOTION.**
- 14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 15:53:32 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 843 DO PASS.**
- 14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 15:53:51 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 843 BE AMENDED.**
- 14:04:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Marler, Rep. Parry, voting no.
Rep. Parry, By Proxy
- 15:54:41 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 843 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 15:54:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:03:57

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230330FIHaad\)](#)