

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch-R, on April 18, 2023 at 3:44 PM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Fox, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Willis Curdy (D)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

Staff Present: Casey Pallister, Research Analyst
Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 372 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 521 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 846 TO TABLE

15:45:53 **Recessed**

15:55:40 Sen. Hertz has arrived

15:56:16 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 372 - Establish right to hunt in Constitution

15:56:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **HB 372 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:56:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **HB 372 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:56:54 Vice Chair Bob Brown

15:58:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Flowers,
Sen. Fox, Sen. McClafferty, voting no.
Sen. Flowers, By Proxy

15:59:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **HB 372 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED.**

15:59:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Flowers,
Sen. Fox, Sen. McClafferty, voting no.
Sen. Flowers, By Proxy

16:00:12 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bob Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 521 - Revising laws related to conservation licenses on state
lands**

16:00:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **HB 521 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:00:34 Sen. Daniel Emrich

16:02:40 Vice Chair Bob Brown

16:03:59 Sen. Greg Hertz

16:05:14 Sen. Mark Noland

16:05:28 Vice Chair Bob Brown

16:06:29 Chair Steve Hinebauch

16:07:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Emrich, Sen.
McClafferty, voting no.

16:08:35 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bob Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 846 - Resident bonus point system for Smith River

16:09:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **HB 846 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:09:13 Chair Steve Hinebauch

16:10:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Fox, Sen. McClafferty, voting yes.
Sen. Flowers, By Proxy

16:10:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **HB 846 TO TABLE.**

16:10:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:13:09

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230418FISaad\)](#)