

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

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch-R, on April 20, 2023 at 3:07 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. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
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:

SR 2 04/17/2023
SR 68 04/17/2023

Executive Action:

HB 846 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
SR 2 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
SR 68 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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

15:08:54 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers moved that **HB 846 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

Discussion:

15:10:05 Sen. Pat Flowers

15:10:18 Chair Steve Hinebauch

15:10:21 Sen. Pat Flowers

15:11:57 Chair Steve Hinebauch

15:09:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15:12:10 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers moved that **HB 846 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:12:23 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers moved that **HB 846 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:12:39 Sen. Pat Flowers

15:14:09 Vice Chair Bob Brown

15:14:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:15:31 **Motion:** Chair Steve Hinebauch moved that **HB 846 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

15:15:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Emrich, Sen. Noland, voting no.
Sen. Emrich, By Proxy

15:15:31 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Pat Flowers

15:16:48 Sen. Flowers has left

HEARING ON SR 2 - Confirm governor's appointee for the state parks and recreation board

Opening Statement:

15:17:10 Chair Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR 2, Confirm governor's appointee for the state parks and recreation board.

Proponent Testimony:

15:18:09 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

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15:19:50 Dustin Temple, Acting Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

15:20:39 Liz Whiting, appointee

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:21:45 Sen. Mark Noland

15:22:12 Sen. Willis Curdy

15:22:59 Liz Whiting, appointee

Closing Statement:

15:24:45 Chair Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, closed the hearing on SR 2.

HEARING ON SR 68 - Confirm governor's appointee for state parks and recreation board

Opening Statement:

15:25:12 Chair Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR 68, Confirm governor's appointee for state parks and recreation board.

Proponent Testimony:

15:26:19 John Marancik, appointee

15:27:21 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

15:28:02 Dustin Temple, Acting Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:28:53 Sen. Willis Curdy

15:29:18 John Marancik, appointee

15:30:12 Sen. Willis Curdy

15:30:50 John Marancik, appointee

Closing Statement:

15:31:10 Chair Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, closed the hearing on SR 68.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 2 - Confirm governor's appointee for the state parks and recreation board

15:32:48 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **SR 2 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

15:33:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 68 - Confirm governor's appointee for state parks and recreation board

15:33:31 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Brown moved that **SR 68 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

15:33:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:34:51

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230420FISaad\)](#)