

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)
Rep. Jean Price, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary

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 212, 1/13/2015; HB 221, 1/13/2015

00:00:01 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:08 Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise hunting/fishing license laws for critically wounded first responders.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 Chair Flynn

00:04:33 Ladd Paulson, self

00:07:28 Chair Flynn

00:07:34 Heidi Paulson, self

EXHIBIT(fih12a01)

00:09:05 Chair Flynn

00:09:14 Heidi Paulson, self

00:09:31 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

00:10:42 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:10 Rep. B. Brown

00:11:37 Rep. MacDonald

00:12:03 Rep. B. Brown

00:12:44 Rep. MacDonald

00:13:03 Chair Flynn

00:13:05 Rep. Meyers

00:13:34 Rep. MacDonald

00:14:21 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:34 Rep. MacDonald

00:15:45 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 212

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:24 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 212, Reaffirm that trapping is a form of hunting protected under MT Constitution.

EXHIBIT(fih12a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:31 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

00:21:57 Chair Flynn

00:22:01 Joel Balyeat, self
00:24:42 Chair Flynn
00:24:47 Toby Walrath, Montana Trappers Association (MTA) and U.S. Sportsmen's
Alliance (USSA)
00:26:57 Chair Flynn
00:27:06 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Montana Stock
Grower's Association (MSGA)
00:28:05 Chair Flynn
00:28:10 Keith Kubista, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)
00:29:43 Chair Flynn
00:29:50 Paul Fielder, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
00:30:41 Chair Flynn
00:30:46 Tom Barnes, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
00:31:20 Chair Flynn
00:31:24 Rep. Manzella
00:33:39 Chair Flynn
00:33:47 Bob Kubiak, self
00:35:34 *Rep. Court leaves*
00:36:12 Chair Flynn
00:36:27 Bill Mitchell, self
00:36:53 Chair Flynn
00:37:01 Brian Gartner, self
00:38:08 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony:

00:38:32 Bruce Desonia, self
00:39:31 Chair Flynn
00:39:37 Christopher Justice, Footloose Montana
00:41:32 Chair Flynn
00:41:40 Shirley Palmer, self
00:45:13 Chair Flynn
00:45:18 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands (TFMPL)
00:48:33 Chair Flynn
00:48:46 Robin Layton, self
00:51:07 Chair Flynn
00:51:14 Wes Miles, self
00:53:41 Sue Kronenberger, self
00:56:55 Chair Flynn
00:57:04 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
00:58:47 Chair Flynn
00:58:55 Mike Koeppen, self
01:01:32 Chair Flynn
01:01:45 Cheryl Kindschy, self
01:02:18 *Rep. Shaw leaves*
01:02:28 Chair Flynn

Informational Testimony:

01:02:44 Becky Dockter, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
01:02:55 Chair Flynn

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:07 Rep. White
01:03:52 KC York, TFMPL
01:04:55 Rep. White
01:05:10 *Rep. Shaw returns*
01:05:42 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:06:44 Rep. White
01:07:24 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:09:11 Chair Flynn
01:09:17 Rep. Smith
01:09:45 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:10:25 Rep. Smith
01:10:40 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:10:45 Chair Flynn
01:10:49 Rep. Jacobson
01:11:13 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:12:11 Rep. Jacobson
01:12:49 Chair Flynn
01:12:56 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:13:02 Rep. Jacobson
01:13:13 Jason Mohr, LSD
01:13:25 Rep. Jacobson
01:13:56 Rep. B. Brown
01:14:29 Paul Fielder, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)
01:16:20 Chair Flynn
01:16:24 Rep. Meyers
01:17:05 Sue Kronenberger, self
01:17:16 *Rep. Court returns*
01:18:11 Rep. Meyers
01:18:39 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:19:12 Chair Flynn
01:19:15 Rep. Lieser
01:19:37 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:20:13 Chair Flynn
01:20:19 Rep. Z. Brown
01:20:48 Paul Fielder, MTA
01:21:10 *Rep. Meyers leaves*
01:21:32 Chair Flynn
01:21:39 Rep. Court
01:22:44 Joel Balyeat, self
01:23:53 Rep. Court
01:24:04 Joel Balyeat, self
01:24:18 Rep. B. Smith
01:24:50 Joel Balyeat, self
01:25:18 *Rep. Meyers returns*
01:26:05 *Rep. Court leaves*
01:26:49 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:02 Rep. Wagoner

01:29:47 Chair Flynn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 144

01:30:31 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:31:12 Chair Flynn

01:31:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Welborn moved that **HB 144 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Court voted by proxy.

01:32:13 Chair Flynn

01:33:31 Rep. White

01:33:40 Chair Flynn

01:33:45 Rep. Price

01:33:47 Chair Flynn

01:33:57 Rep. Price

01:34:08 Chair Flynn

01:34:12 Rep. Jacobson

01:35:03 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
01:35:13 adj

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih12aad.pdf](#))