

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 29, 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. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
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:

Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)

Members Absent:

Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 263, 1/22/2015; HB 268, 1/22/2015; HB 269, 1/22/2015; HB 46, 1/22/2015

00:00:01 Chair Flynn
00:03:09 *Rep. Meyers arrives*

HEARING ON SB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:18 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 46, Authorize electronic signatures for hunting and fishing licenses.

EXHIBIT(fih20a01)

00:05:30 Chair Flynn

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:38 Hank Worsech, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih20a02)

00:07:29 Chair Flynn

00:07:48 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

00:08:05 Chair Flynn

00:08:08 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:08:37 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association of Great Falls

00:09:10 Chair Flynn

00:09:20 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:09:38 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:59 Rep. Wagoner

00:10:13 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:10:33 Chair Flynn

00:10:42 Rep. Wagoner

00:10:51 *Rep. Hess arrives*

00:11:20 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:11:30 Dustin Temple, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:12:13 Rep. Wagoner

00:12:36 Dustin Temple (FWP)

00:13:01 Chair Flynn

00:13:08 Rep. Court

00:13:33 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:13:46 Rep. Court

00:13:53 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:14:00 Chair Flynn

00:14:04 Rep. B. Brown

00:14:22 Hank Worsech, FWP

00:14:41 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:51 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:15:50 Chair Flynn
 00:16:00 Sen. Pomnichowski
 00:16:08 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 263

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:19 Rep. Matthew Monforton (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 263, Remove Madison buffalo jump state park from primitive parks listing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:10 Chair Flynn
 00:18:17 Jeff Welch, State Parks and Recreation Board--District 2
 00:23:22 Chair Flynn
 00:23:29 Chas VanGenderen, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih20a03)

EXHIBIT(fih20a04)

00:26:01 Robin Hoover, Yellowstone Country Montana Tourism Region
 00:28:31 Chair Flynn
 00:28:36 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Travel, Lodging and Hospitality Association (MLHA)
 00:29:10 Chair Flynn
 00:29:14 Gene Townsend, self

EXHIBIT(fih20a05)

00:30:31 Chair Flynn
 00:30:42 Pam Carey, self

EXHIBIT(fih20a06)

00:33:05 Chair Flynn
 00:33:14 Bill Goold, Friends of the Madison Buffalo Jump
 00:35:00 Chair Flynn
 00:35:13 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)
 00:36:18 Chair Flynn
 00:36:27 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Recreation and Parks Association (MTRPA)
 00:36:42 Bob Haseman, self
 00:36:52 Chair Flynn
 00:36:54 Paul Kindt, Partner Ensuring Equal Rights and Supports (PEERS)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:31 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)
 00:39:40 Chair Flynn

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:59 Rep. Cook
 00:40:18 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
 00:40:30 Rep. Cook
 00:40:37 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
 00:40:55 Rep. Cook
 00:41:14 Chas VanGenderen, FWP

00:41:20 Chair Flynn
00:41:23 Rep. Meyers
00:41:55 Bill Goold, Friends of the Madison Buffalo Jump
00:41:58 Rep. Meyers
00:42:26 Bill Goold, Friends of the Madison Buffalo Jump
00:43:34 Chair Flynn
00:43:37 Rep. Fiscus
00:43:48 Chair Flynn
00:44:00 Rep. Fiscus
00:44:13 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:44:38 Rep. Fiscus
00:44:43 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:44:48 Rep. Fiscus
00:44:53 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:44:56 Rep. Shaw
00:45:39 Chas VanGenderen, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih20a07)

00:46:26 Chair Flynn
00:46:29 Rep. Court
00:47:02 Jeff Welch, State Parks and Recreation Board--District 2
00:47:36 Rep. Court
00:48:53 Jeff Welch, State Parks and Recreation Board--District 2
00:49:41 Rep. Smith
00:50:13 Chair Flynn
00:50:16 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:50:37 Chair Flynn
00:50:40 Rep. Jacobson
00:51:11 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:52:16 Chair Flynn
00:52:24 Rep. B. Brown
00:52:47 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:53:00 Rep. Lieser
00:53:18 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:53:22 Rep. Lieser
00:53:47 Chas VanGenderen, FWP
00:54:49 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:57 Rep. Monforton
00:55:42 Chair Flynn

HEARING ON HB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:12 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 269, Revise hunting access enhancement program laws and provide funding.
00:58:14 Chair Flynn

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:20 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

EXHIBIT(fih20a08)

01:01:44 Chair Flynn

01:01:50 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

01:03:01 Chair Flynn

01:03:05 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsmens Club (ASC)

01:04:22 Chair Flynn

01:04:26 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmens Association (RCSA)

01:07:18 Chair Flynn

01:07:22 Ed Grady, self

EXHIBIT(fih20a09)

01:08:54 Chair Flynn

01:08:59 Ed Beall, self

EXHIBIT(fih20a10)

01:12:41 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

EXHIBIT(fih20a11)

01:14:06 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon (MA)

01:14:41 Chair Essmann

01:14:46 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

01:15:48 Chair Flynn

01:15:54 Jeff Hagener, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fih20a12)

01:18:27 Chair Flynn

01:18:42 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

01:19:39 Chair Flynn

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:04 Rep. White

01:21:03 Rep. Jacobson

01:21:24 Rep. White

01:22:09 Rep. Jacobson

01:22:59 Rep. White

01:23:58 Jay Bodner, MSGA

01:24:39 Rep. Wagoner

01:25:22 Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:25:45 Rep. Wagoner

01:26:08 Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:26:31 Chair Flynn

01:26:38 Rep. Z. Brown

01:27:20 Rep. Jacobson

01:28:19 Chair Flynn

01:29:07 Rep. Z. Brown

01:30:07 Ed Grady, self

01:31:14 Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:25 Rep. Jacobson
01:33:07 Chair Flynn, Recess
01:40:01 Chair Flynn, Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 268

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:40:44 Vice Chair Price
01:41:02 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 268, Create a block management stamp program.
01:46:24 Vice Chair Price

Proponents' Testimony:

01:46:42 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:47:48 Vice Chair Price
01:47:50 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih20a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih20a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih20a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih20a16\)](#)

01:53:39 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih20a17\)](#)

01:55:14 Ed Beall, self
01:58:45 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association (RCSA)
02:01:00 Ben Lamb, self
02:02:37 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fih20a18\)](#)

02:04:06 Ed Grady, self
02:05:54 Vice Chair Price
02:06:06 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
02:07:59 Vice Chair Price
02:08:16 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
02:09:27 Doug Shenkle, self
02:10:44 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
02:11:51 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
02:12:38 Vice Chair Price
02:12:43 Jeff Hagener, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih20a19\)](#)

02:14:52 Vice Chair Price

Opponents' Testimony:

02:15:05 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsmen Club (ASC)
02:16:51 Vice Chair Price

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:17:21 Rep. Z. Brown
 02:17:59 Jeff Hagener, FWP
 02:18:20 Rep. Z. Brown
 02:19:01 Jeff Hagener, FWP
 02:20:10 Rep. Lieser
 02:20:42 Jeff Hagener, FWP
 02:21:22 Vice Chair Price
 02:21:36 Rep. B. Brown
 02:22:45 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
 02:23:38 Rep. B. Brown
 02:23:44 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
 02:24:30 Vice Chair Price
 02:24:36 Rep. Z. Brown
 02:25:12 Jeff Hagener, FWP
 02:26:27 Vice Chair Price

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:36 Rep. Flynn
 02:28:54 Vice Chair Price

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 221

02:30:02 Chair Flynn
 02:30:43 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 02:31:16 Chair Flynn

02:31:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Price moved that **HB 221 DO PASS**. Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Rep. Court and Rep. Jacobson voting no. Rep. Court, Rep. Fiscus, Rep. Pinocci, Rep. Welborn and Rep. White voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 212

02:33:48 **Motion:** Rep. Welborn moved that **HB 212 DO PASS**.

02:33:54 Chair Flynn
 02:34:03 Jason Mohr, LSD
 02:35:13 Chair Flynn

Discussion:

02:35:16 Rep. Person
 02:37:21 Chair Flynn
 02:37:24 Rep. Wagoner
 02:40:30 Chair Flynn
 02:40:33 Rep. B. Brown
 02:43:53 Chair Flynn
 02:43:57 Rep. Jacobson
 02:45:58 Chair Flynn
 02:46:02 Rep. Wagoner

02:47:34 Chair Flynn
02:47:38 Rep. Z. Brown
02:49:23 Chair Flynn
02:49:35 Rep. Meyers
02:51:49 Chair Flynn

02:51:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Brown, Rep. Court, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Lieser, Rep. Person, Rep. Price and Rep. Smith voting no. Rep. Court, Rep. Fiscus, Rep. Pinocci, Rep. Shaw and Rep. White voted by proxy.

02:53:28 Chair Flynn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:54:45

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih20aad.pdf](#))