

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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 38, 1/2/2007; HB 51, 1/2/2007;
HB 71, 1/2/2007
Executive Action: HB 51

00:02:33 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department

HEARING ON HB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:08:26 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 38, Increase authority for reduced license price for game management.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:47 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT \(fih05a01\)](#)

00:14:58 Mark Ellen Schnur, Townsend, Chair, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association, Fish & Wildlife Committee

[EXHIBIT \(fih05a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:13 Rep. Hilbert
00:19:02 Rep. Vincent
00:20:36 Rep. Peterson
00:26:53 Rep. Koopman
00:28:52 Rep. Hilbert
00:30:51 Rep. Dutton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:34:14 Rep. Bill McChesney

HEARING ON HB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:39 Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 51, Repeal Montana Conservation Corps laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:48 Joe Maurier, Administrator, Parks Division, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (fih05a03)

00:38:07 Jonathan McKinney, Executive Director, Montana Conservation Corps

EXHIBIT (fih05a04)

00:44:28 William Soller, Office of Community Service, Office of the Governor

EXHIBIT (fih05a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:33 Rep. Hilbert

00:47:52 Rep. Koopman

00:56:16 Vice Chairman Hendrick

00:58:22 Rep. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:07 Rep. JP Pomnichowski

HEARING ON HB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:00:30 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 71, Require trapper safety and education course; providing exceptions.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:46 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (fih05a06)

01:09:01 Robert Sheppard, Montana Trappers Association

01:09:59 Brian Cherry, Victor Resident

EXHIBIT (fih05a07)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:12:01 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multi-Use Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:30 Rep. Koopman

01:24:35 Rep. Becker

01:25:22 Rep. Peterson

01:26:40 Rep. Dutton

01:27:37 Rep. Hilbert

Closing by Sponsor:

01:29:51 Rep. Gary MacLaren

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 51

01:31:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barrett moved that **HB 51 DO PASS.**
Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Koopman
voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

01:33:58 Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih05aad.pdf](#))