

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Milburn, on February 20, 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. Debby Barrett (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. John Ward (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 440, 2/13/2007; HB 613,
2/14/2007; HB 642, 2/14/2007; HB
673, 2/15/2007

Executive Action: HB 424; HB 673

00:02:16 Rep. Hendrick assumed the role as Chairman

HEARING ON HB 642

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:01 Rep. Mike Milburn (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB
642, Define county road bridge easement/provide use for
stream access w/conditions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:02 John Bloomquist, Attorney, representing Montana Stock
Growers Association
00:27:09 Tom Hougen, Rancher
00:29:50 John Youngbird, representing Montana Farm Bureau
00:32:40 Mike Murphy, representing Montana Water Resources
Association
00:33:39 Kathy Wiley, Immediate Past President, Montana Cattle
Women
00:34:30 Isabel Cox, Townsend landowner
00:34:50 Lance Lovell, Attorney, Billings

Opponents' Testimony:

00:38:14 Kris Gagnon, self
00:44:02 Robert Throssell, representing Montana Wildlife
Federation
00:49:41 Mark Aagenes, representing Montana Trout Unlimited
00:53:51 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
00:59:19 Tony Schoonen, President, Montana Coalition for Stream
Access
01:00:25 Sam Babich, representing Public Lands and Water Access
Association
01:01:14 Leroy Mehring, President, Skyline Sportsman Association
01:03:27 Toby Davis, landowner
01:04:41 Stan Frasier, President, Helena Hunters and Anglers
01:04:56 Lorry Thomas, Anaconda Sportsman

Informational Testimony:

01:05:32 Bob Korizek, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:24 Rep. Groesbeck
01:10:11 John Bloomquist
01:14:07 Rep. Vincent
01:15:02 Rep. Milburn
01:16:39 Rep. Vincent
01:17:25 Rep. Van Dyk
01:18:57 Rep. Phillips
01:22:03 Rep. Barrett
01:22:57 Lance Lovell
01:26:39 Rep. Barrett
01:28:03 Rep. Milburn
01:28:25 Rep. Groesbeck
01:29:27 Rep. Peterson
01:30:06 Bob Lane
01:34:22 Lance Lovell
01:36:19 Chairman Hendrick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:54 Rep. Mike Milburn

01:45:19 Break

01:59:33 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 613

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:59:38 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 613, Reduce legal age for hunting/limited license privileges for youths age 9 to 11.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:04:38 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT\(fih38a01\)](#)
02:10:14 Linda Cardenas, Ravalli County resident

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:11:44 Rep. Hilbert
02:13:20 Rep. Vincent
02:15:05 Rep. Hilbert
02:15:29 Rep. Koopman

Closing by Sponsor:

02:18:55 Rep. Bob Bergren
[EXHIBIT\(fih38a02\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 673

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:20:51 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 673, Revise criteria for licensure of nonresident
child of resident.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:24:16 Jean Johnson, representing Montana Outfitters and
Guides Association

Informational Testimony:

02:26:13 Chris Smith, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT\(fih38a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:19 Rep. Becker
02:28:36 Rep. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

02:28:58 Rep. Robin Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 440

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:30:17 Rep. Debby Barrett (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB
440, Direct Fish, Wildlife & Parks to revise and update
state's wolf management plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:57 Jay Bodner, representing Montana Stock Growers
Association
02:36:47 Jean Johnson, representing Montana Outfitters and
Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony:

02:37:13 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT\(fih38a04\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fih38a05\)](#)
02:46:51 Janet Ellis, representing Montana Audubon
[EXHIBIT\(fih38a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:49:36 Rep. Becker

Closing by Sponsor:

02:50:37 Rep. Debby Barrett
[EXHIBIT\(fih38a07\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 673

02:56:10 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 673 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:56:20 Rep. Becker

02:57:06 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 4-15 by roll call vote with Reps.
Jore, Koopman, Milburn, and Vincent voting aye with
Reps. Groesbeck and Ward voting by proxy.

02:58:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 673 BE TABLED
AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by
voice vote with Reps. Groesbeck and Ward voting by
proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 424

02:59:24 **Motion:** Rep. Barrett moved that **HB 424 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:59:37 Rep. Barrett

02:59:57 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barrett made a substitute motion that **HB 424 BE TABLED. SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Groesbeck and Ward voting by proxy.

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT](#)(fih38a08)

Pertaining to HB 642

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:35 P.M.

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

MM/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih38aad.pdf](#))