

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 9, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, 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: SB 9, 1/5/2007; SB 44, 1/5/2007; SB 34, 1/5/2007; SB 13, 1/5/2007
Executive Action: Rules.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

00:00:10 Chairman Tropila

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON RULES

00:02:22 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that RULES BE ADOPTED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 9

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:48 SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (D), SD 18, opened the hearing on
SB 9, Golden years pass -- free access to state parks.

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis05a01)

Proponents:

00:04:15 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

Opponents:

00:07:22 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association

Informational Testimony:

00:09:27 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:15 Sen. Balyeat to Ronda Wiggers, Montana County
Treasurers

00:12:37 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:14:45 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Kitzenberg

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:41 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:39 **SEN. LANE LARSON (D)**, SD 22, opened the hearing on **SB 44**, Expand hunting "super tag" to lion, antelope, and buffalo.

Proponents:

00:20:08 Land Tawney, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Council

EXHIBIT(fis05a02)

00:21:40 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis05a03)

00:22:51 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:00 Sen. Tash to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:24:34 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Larson

00:26:54 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:27:45 Sen. Hansen to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:28:59 Sen. Bales to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:30:33 Sen. Barkus to Jeff Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:23 Sen. Larson

HEARING ON SB 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:31 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (D), SD 18**, opened the hearing on **SB 34**, Revise authority to regulate nonresident hunters in unlimited permit areas.

Proponents:

00:34:29 Steve Schindler, Former Representative for Bow Hunters Association

00:38:58 Steve Suket, Regional Representative for Bow Hunters Association

00:46:30 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents:

00:47:23 Jean Johnson, Outfitters and Guide Association

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a05\)](#)

00:50:50 Kelly Flynn, Outfitter

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a06\)](#)

00:51:54 Dave Kozub, Outfitter

00:55:59 Mark Robbins, Outfitter

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a07\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:58:13 Jeff Hagener, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fis05a08\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:57 Sen. Gallus to Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:03:44 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Kitzenberg

01:05:06 Sen. Bales to Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:06:19 Sen. Barkus to Mark Robbins, Outfitter
01:07:36 Sen. Barkus to Jeff Hagener, FWP
01:08:32 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP
01:11:02 Sen. Balyeat to Kelly Flynn, Outfitter
01:12:18 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Kitzenberg
01:13:29 Sen. Balyeat to Steve Schindler, Outfitter
01:19:45 Sen. Balyeat to Dave Kozub, Outfitter

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:39 Sen. Kitzenberg

EXHIBIT(fis05a09)

HEARING ON SB 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:57 **SEN. KEITH BALES, SD 20, OTTER**, opened the hearing on
SB 13, Define qualifications of members of Fish,
Wildlife, and Parks Commission.

Proponents:

01:27:08 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
01:28:31 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Association
01:28:58 Kelly Flynn, Outfitter

Opponents:

01:29:16 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:30 Sen. Tash to Sen. Bales
01:30:58 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Bales

01:33:00 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Bales

01:35:27 Sen. Larson to Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:20 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

Claudia Johnson, Secretary

JT/Cj