

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 11, 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: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 58, 1/9/2007; SB 77, 1/9/2007;
SB 112, 1/9/2007
Executive Action: SB 9, SB 13, SB 34, SB 44

00:00:00 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:11 **SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN (D), SD 17**, opened the hearing on **SB 58**, Eliminate termination of prairie dog management law.

Proponents:

00:03:37 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis07a01)

00:06:58 Janet Ellison, Montana Audubon

00:07:35 Sterling Miller, Biologist, National Wildlife Federation

EXHIBIT(fis07a02)

00:09:19 Steve Forest, Senior Forester, National Wildlife Federation

00:10:46 Kevin Chappell, Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

00:12:12 Pat Torgerson, Women in Farm Economics (WIFE)

Opponents:

00:13:09 Gary Marbut, President, Montana Shooting Sports Association

EXHIBIT(fis07a03)

EXHIBIT(fis07a04)

00:17:52 Doug Nulle, Self

00:18:51 Garrett Bacon, Prickly Pear Association

00:20:24 Gary Hall, Montanans for Multiple Use

00:21:38 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:39 Sen. Gallus to Chris Smith, Chief of Staff
00:25:40 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith, Chief of Staff
00:28:54 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Miller
00:32:32 Sterling Miller, Biologist
00:33:48 Sen. Barkus to Chris Smith, Chief of Staff
00:37:43 Sen. Bales to Chris Smith, Chief of Staff
00:41:19 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith, Chief of Staff
00:42:16 Sen. Balyeat to Gary Marbut, President, Montana
Shooting Sports Association

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:50 Sen. Hansen

HEARING ON SB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:36 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 77**, Revise future fisheries reporting.

Proponents:

00:49:08 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis07a05)

00:49:59 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:50:50 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Users Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:03 Sen. Rick Laible

HEARING ON SB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:21 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 112**, Certain free hunting/fishing licenses-- resident purple heart decorated veterans.

Proponents:

00:56:36 Trapper Badovinac, Self

EXHIBIT(fis07a06)

01:00:26 Mike Geary, Lewis and Clark Executive

01:01:32 Col. Jim Jacobsen, Montana American Legion

01:02:33 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Users Association

01:03:01 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

01:04:11 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis07a07)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:06 Sen. Hansen to Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:57 Sen. Lewis

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 9

01:12:16 **Motion:** **SEN. GALLUS** moved that **SB 9 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:12:40 Sen. Balyeat

01:13:14 Motion/Vote: SEN. TASH moved that SB 9 BE TABLED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 13

01:13:39 Motion: SEN. BALES moved that SB 13 DO PASS.

EXHIBIT(fis07a08)

01:14:42 Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that AMENDMENT
SB001302.AJK BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote.

01:15:48 Motion: SEN. LARSON moved that AMENDMENT SB001301.AJK
BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fis07a09)

Discussion:

01:17:48 Sen. Gallus to Chris Smith, FWP

01:19:56 Sen. Tash

01:21:21 Sen. Bales

01:23:25 Sen. Hansen

01:24:00 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Larson

01:26:11 Sen. Balyeat

01:26:34 Vote: Motion failed 3-6 by voice vote with SEN. GALLUS,
SEN. JENT, and SEN. LARSON voting aye.

Discussion:

01:29:20 Sen. Barkus

01:30:22 Sen. Gallus

01:31:59 Sen. Balyeat

01:35:24 Sen. Barkus

01:35:56 Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 13 DO PASS AS
AMENDED. Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with SEN.
GALLUS and SEN. LARSON voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34

01:37:58 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 34 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:39:46 Sen. Gallus

01:40:05 Joe Kolman

EXHIBIT(fis07a10)

01:40:51 Sen. Balyeat

01:44:22 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. JENT moved that AMENDMENT
SB003402.AJK BE ADOPTED. Motion failed 3-6 by roll call
vote with SEN. GALLUS, SEN. HANSEN, and SEN. TROPILA
voting aye.

01:44:37 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BARKUS moved that SB 34 BE TABLED.
Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with SEN. GALLUS,
SEN. HANSEN, and SEN. LARSON voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 44

01:47:07 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BARKUS moved that SB 44 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Discussion:

01:49:13 Chairman Tropila

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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