

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 23, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 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 243, 1/19/2007; SB 205, 1/19/2007
Executive Action: SB 115, SB 106, SB 107, SB 58

00:00:15 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:45 **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34**, opened the hearing on **SB 243**, Revise military special hunting and fishing license.

Proponents:

00:04:47 Roger Hagan, Officers and Enlisted Associations of Montana

00:08:24 Lt. Col. James Moran, Montana National Guard

00:09:23 Col. Jim Jacobson, Retired Military, American Legion

00:10:03 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff of Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (fis15a01)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:28 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Balyeat

00:12:05 Sen. Barkus to Roger Hagan, Officers and Enlisted Associations of Montana

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00:15:32 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:08 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:27 **SEN. LARRY JENT (D), SD 32**, opened the hearing on **SB 205**, Eliminate vacancy saving application to game wardens.

EXHIBIT(fis15a02)

Proponents:

00:27:14 Jean Johnson, Montana Game Warden's Association

00:28:56 Jason Snyder, Game Warden, Montana Game Warden's Association

00:31:40 Kelly Flynn, Rancher/Outfitter

00:33:16 Mary Ellen Schnur, Member of Rod and Gun Club

EXHIBIT(fis15a03)

00:35:54 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:36:24 Quinton Nyman, Montana Public Employee Association (MPEA)

00:36:48 Kathy Frazier, Yacht Basin Marina

Opponents:

00:39:36 Mike Barrett, Self

Informational Testimony:

00:42:63 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:07 Sen. Barkus to Sue Daly, Budgeting Director, FWP

00:45:55 Sen. Bales to Sue Daly, FWP

00:48:26 Sen. Bales to Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief

00:49:21 Sen. Tash to Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief

00:51:09 Sen. Barkus to Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:23 Sen. Bales

Discussion:

00:55:34 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP

00:55:43 Mitch King, Regional Director, United States Forest Service (USFS)

01:00:13 Sen. Balyeat to Mitch King, USFS

01:02:27 Sen. Bales to Mitch King, USFS

01:05:30 Sen. Balyeat to Mitch King, USFS

01:06:40 Sen. Balyeat to Mitch King, USFS

01:08:36 Sen. Barkus to Mitch King, USFS

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

01:10:31 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. JENT moved that SB 115 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 106

01:11:55 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 106 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:12:12 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BARKUS moved that SB 106 BE TABLED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107

01:12:42 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 107 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:12:51 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LARSON moved that SB 107 BE TABLED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:13:13 Sen. Gallus to Chris Smith, FWP

[EXHIBIT](#) (fis15a04)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

01:17:37 Motion: SEN. HANSEN moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION on SB 58.

Discussion:

01:18:10 Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 58 BE TABLED.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:40 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

JT/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis15aad.pdf](#))