

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 25, 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 128, 1/19/2007; SB 166,
1/19/2007
Executive Action: SB 205, SB 243

00:00:00 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:08 **SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43**, opened the hearing on **SB 128**, Eliminate termination of FWP instream flow and revise laws governing.

Proponents:

00:05:10 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (fis17a01)

00:11:19 Mary Capdeville, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

EXHIBIT (fis17a02)

00:13:30 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT (fis17a03)

00:14:26 Joe Gutkoski, Self

EXHIBIT (fis17a04)

00:16:27 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:17:08 Stan Bradshaw, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:20:54 Robin Cunningham, Fishing and Outfitters Association

Opponents:

00:21:21 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association

00:26:03 John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:31:59 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:01 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Laslovich

00:36:44 Sen. Balyeat to Director Hagener, FWP

00:39:30 Sen. Tropila to Director Hagener, FWP

00:40:05 Sen. Barkus to Director Hagener, FWP

00:44:58 Sen. Barkus to Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, FWP

00:48:07 Sen. Tash to Bob Lane, FWP

00:55:19 Sen. Jent to Bob Lane, FWP

00:59:33 Sen. Balyeat to Bob Lane, FWP

01:03:07 Sen. Bales to Mary Capdeville, DOJ

01:10:11 Sen. Bales to John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers
Association

01:11:27 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Bales

01:12:18 Chairman Tropila to Director Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:47 Sen. Laslovich

01:14:14 Vice Chair Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 166**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:15:11 **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13**, opened the hearing on **SB 166**, Family and purple heart recipients fish and hunt game birds for free.

Proponents:

01:16:03 Hal Harper, Governor's Office

01:17:31 Commissioner Keith Kelly, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI), and the Governor's Office

01:19:19 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (fis17a05)

01:20:10 Dan Antonitte, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

01:21:10 Trapper Badovinac, Self

01:23:58 Col. Jim Jacobson, Montana American Legion

01:25:07 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

01:25:43 Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Associations of
Montana

01:26:27 John Mundinguer, FWP

01:27:37 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

01:28:04 Robin Cunningham, Montana Fishing and Outfitters

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:59 Sen. Bales to Sen. Tropila

01:30:14 Sen. Bales to Director Hagener, FWP

01:30:40 Sen. Barkus to Director Hagener, FWP

01:31:28 Sen. Barkus to Hal Harper, Governor's Office

01:35:07 Sen. Balyeat to Director Hagener, FWP

01:36:54 Joe Kolman, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:49 Sen. Tropila

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 205

01:39:21 **Motion:** SEN. JENT moved that SB 205 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Sen. Hansen had to leave on emergency.

01:39:42 Sen. Jent

01:41:47 Sen. Barkus

01:42:28 Sen. Jent

01:43:34 Sen. Bales

01:43:51 Sen. Tash

01:44:08 Sen. Bales

01:44:37 Sen. Jent

01:44:57 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. HANSEN was excused.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 243

01:45:13 **Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 243 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:46:33 **Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that AMENDMENT SB024301.AJK BE ADOPTED.**

EXHIBIT (fis17a06)

Discussion:

01:46:56 Sen. Bales

01:47:15 Joe Kolman

01:47:34 Sen. Tropila

01:47:51 Sen. Balyeat

01:48:28 **Vote: Motion that AMENDMENT SB024301.AJK BE ADOPTED carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. HANSEN was excused.**

01:48:42 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 243 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. HANSEN was excused.

Discussion:

01:49:59 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:51:14 Sen. Lane

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis17aad.pdf](#))