

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 30, 2007 at 3:00 A.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. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Steven Gallus (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 2, 1/23/2007; SB 334, 1/23/2007;
SB 314, 1/23/2007
Executive Action: SB 78

00:00:01 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SR 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:21 **SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (D), SD 18**, opened the hearing on **SR 2**, Urge purchase of Brush Lake and Culbertson overlook as state parks.

EXHIBIT(fis20a01)

Proponents:

00:14:05 Joe Maurier, Administrator, Parks Division, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis20a02)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:35 Sen. Tash to Joe Maurier, FWP

00:18:31 Sen. Balyeat to Joe Maurier, FWP

00:19:25 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Kitzenberg

00:21:13 Sen. Balyeat to Joe Maurier, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:59 Sen. Kitzenberg

HEARING ON SB 334

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:13 **SEN. GERALD PEASE (D), SD 21**, opened the hearing on **SB 334**, Equitable distribution of fish and game funds.

Proponents:

00:28:01 James Steele, Jr., Chairman, Confederated Salish
and Kootenai Tribes

00:30:42 Sen. Carol Juneau, Self

00:32:33 Rep. Shannon Augare, Self

00:33:37 Tim Vosburgh, Chippewa Cree Tribe

00:35:38 Sen. Frank Smith

00:36:46 Gail Skunkcap, Jr., Montana/Wyoming Commission (M/W
Comm)

00:39:36 Henry Rightseller, Game Naturalist

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:40:51 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis20a03)

00:51:05 Rich Clough, Cottonwood Consulting

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:54 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:56:31 Sen. Balyeat to Gail Skunkcap, M/W Comm

00:58:39 Sen. Tash to Gail Skunkcap, M/W Comm

01:00:42 Chairman Tropila to Jeff Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:43 Sen. Pease

HEARING ON SB 314

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:12 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing
on **SB 314**, Revise warm water fishing stamp law.

Proponents:

01:06:08 Bob Gilbert, Walleye Unlimited Montana

EXHIBIT(fis20a04)

01:16:01 Mike Newton, President of Montana Walleye Unlimited

01:17:22 Mike Sedlock, Walleye Unlimited

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:19:23 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis20a05)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:10 Sen. Barkus to Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:21:54 Sen. Barkus to Bob Gilbert, Walleye Unlimited Montana

01:22:48 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:23:57 Chairman Tropila to Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:26:51 Chairman Tropila to Bob Gilbert, Walleye Unlimited
Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:14 Sen. Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 78

01:28:00 **Motion:** SEN. LARSON moved that SB 78 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:28:50 Joe Kolman, LSD

EXHIBIT(fis20a06)

01:29:12 Sen. Larson

01:30:58 **Motion:** SEN. LARSON moved that AMENDMENT SB007802.AJK BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

01:33:49 Sen. Tash

01:35:41 Sen. Jent

01:36:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BARKUS, and SEN. TASH voting no. SEN. GALLUS voted aye by proxy.

Discussion:

01:38:08 Sen. Balyeat

EXHIBIT(fis20a07)

01:40:47 Sen. Hansen

01:40:53 Sen. Bales to Sen. Balyeat

01:42:31 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. JENT moved that AMENDMENT SB007801.ASP BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. GALLUS voted by proxy.

01:42:43 **Motion:** SEN. LARSON moved that SB 78 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:45:52 Sen. Bales

01:49:15 Sen. Tash

01:50:42 Sen. Balyeat

01:54:43 Sen. Tropila

01:54:52 Sen. Barkus

01:56:42 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS CALLED THE QUESTION ON HB 78. Motion carried 6-3 by voice vote with SEN. BALES, SEN. BARKUS, and SEN. TASH voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:35 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis20aad.pdf](#))