

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on February 1, 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 100, 1/30/2007; SB 372,
1/30/2007
Executive Action: SB 166, SB 334, SR 2, SB 372

00:00:58 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON SB 100

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:55 **SEN. LARRY JENT (D), SD 32**, opened the hearing on **SB 100**, Revise outfitter laws/ felony outfitting without license.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor: None.

HEARING ON SB 372

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:54 **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34**, opened the hearing on **SB 372**, Create wolf licenses and authorize wolf and grizzly bear lottery or auction.

EXHIBIT(fis22a01)

EXHIBIT(fis22a02)

EXHIBIT(fis22a03)

Proponents:

00:07:56 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis22a04)

00:10:35 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon Society

00:10:53 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:11:29 Allen Schelberger, Montana Shooting Sports Association

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:40 Sen. Bales to Chris Smith, FWP

00:17:46 Sen. Barkus to Chris Smith, FWP

00:20:57 Sen. Tash to Sen. Balyeat

00:21:28 Sen. Tash to Chris Smith, FWP

00:23:54 Sen. Hansen to Chris Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:18 Sen. Balyeat

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a06\)](#)

Discussion:

00:27:41 Chairman Tropila

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 166

00:28:58 **Motion:** SEN. LARSON moved that SB 166 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:29:23 Sen. Barkus

[EXHIBIT\(fis22a07\)](#)

00:30:07 **Motion:** SEN. BARKUS moved that AMENDMENT SB016601.AJK
BE ADOPTED.

Discussion:

00:31:07 Sen. Gallus

00:31:56 Sen. Tash

00:32:26 Sen. Tropila to Chris Smith, FWP

00:32:44 **Vote:** MOTION carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:32:55 Gallus

00:33:24 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA moved that AMENDMENT SB016602.AJK BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(fis22a08)

Discussion:

00:33:36 Joe Kolman

00:34:37 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS CALLED THE QUESTION ON AMENDMENT. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:35:12 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that AMENDMENT SB016603.AJK BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(fis22a09)

Discussion:

00:35:59 Sen. Barkus to Sen. Balyeat

00:37:42 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith, FWP

00:39:33 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Tropila

00:40:20 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BALYEAT CALLED THE QUESTION ON AMENDMENT. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. BARKUS voting no.

00:40:39 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 166 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 334

00:41:24 **Motion:** SEN. JENT moved that SB 234 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:41:43 Sen. Jent

00:43:57 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 234 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 2

00:44:51 Motion: SEN. BALLYEAT moved that SR 2 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:45:06 Sen. Balyeat

00:46:22 Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved that SR 2 BE TABLED.
Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. GALLUS and
SEN. HANSEN voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 372

00:47:41 Motion: SEN. BARKUS moved that SB 372 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:48:00 Motion/Vote: SEN. BALLYEAT moved that AMENDMENT
SB037201.AJK BE ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by
voice vote.

00:48:51 Motion/Vote: SEN. BALLYEAT moved that SB 372 DO PASS AS
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:50 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

JT/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis22aad.pdf](#))