

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 8, 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)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 171, 2/23/2007; HB 193,
2/23/2007; HB 264, 2/23/2007
Executive Action: HB 264, HB 193, HB 171

00:02:44 Chairman Tropila

HEARING ON HB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:59 REP. ROBIN HAMILTON (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 171, One-time deferral of hunter education for first-time hunter.

Proponents:

00:06:02 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis49a01)

00:07:34 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:07:55 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Association

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:03 Sen. Balyeat to Rep. Hamilton

00:09:50 Sen. Bales to Rep. Hamilton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:12 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 193

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:11:37 REP. BILL NOONEY (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 193, Revise laws for disabled hunters/hunting allowed from off-highway vehicles.

Proponents:

00:12:50 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Association

00:13:11 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:13:39 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis49a02)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:24 Sen. Gallus to Rep. Nooney

00:15:03 Sen. Gallus to Chris Smith, FWP

00:16:10 Sen. Tropila to Chris Smith, FWP

00:16:41 Jerry Meyer, Liaison, Federal Forest Service

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:44 Rep. Nooney

HEARING ON HB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:16 **REP. RALPH HEINERT (R), HD 1**, opened the hearing on **HB 264**, Allow 2 fishing rods per boat or shore angler in lakes & reservoirs.

Proponents:

00:19:02 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Association

00:19:20 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:19:49 David Liedle, Owner of Tackle Shop

00:20:18 Chris Smith, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis49a03)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:07 Sen. Barkus to Chris Smith, FWP

00:23:01 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:15 Rep. Heinert

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 264

00:25:28 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 264 BE
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 193

00:26:15 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 193 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:26:37 Sen. Balyeat to Chris Smith, FWP

00:29:11 Sen. Gallus to Chris Smith, FWP

00:30:44 Sen. Balyeat

00:31:20 SEN. GALLUS withdrew his motion on HB 193.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 171

00:31:37 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 171 BE CONCURRED
IN.

Discussion:

00:31:53 Sen. Bales

00:32:13 Sen. Bales

00:32:32 Sen. Gallus

00:32:40 Sen. Jent

00:33:39 SEN. BALYEAT withdrew his motion on HB 171.

Discussion:

00:34:00 Sen. Barkus

00:35:06 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 171 BE TABLED.
SEN. GALLUS withdrew his TABLE motion

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

JT/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis49aad.pdf](#))