

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chairman Kendall Van Dyk, on March 17, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Dave McAlpin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 31; SB 336; SB 344; SB 437

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:23 Sen. Keith Bales (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 31, Revise qualifications for fish, wildlife, and parks commissioners.

EXHIBIT(fih59a01)

00:04:55 Rep. McAlpin arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:07 Tom Hougen, President, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:10:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
00:13:43 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
00:15:40 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
00:17:13 Rep. Barrett arrived.
00:17:59 Aeric Reilly, Montana Wool Growers Association
00:18:24 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:36 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:21:47 Mike Belesky, Office of the Governor
00:22:22 Rep. Sales arrived.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:16 Rep. Hendrick
00:25:48 Sen. Bales
00:26:47 Rep. Cohenour
00:27:22 Sen. Bales
00:28:08 Rep. Cohenour
00:28:21 Sen. Bales
00:29:17 Chairman Van Dyk
00:30:06 Sen. Bales
00:30:47 Chairman Van Dyk
00:31:02 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:40 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 437

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:21 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on
SB 437, Clarify fish pond licensure.

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:11 Bruce Farling, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:41:44 Krista Lee Evans, Association of Gallatin Agricultural
Irrigators
00:42:31 John Menson, self
00:43:23 Rep. Barrett arrived.
00:44:31 Buddy Drake, self
00:47:31 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Fish,
Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a03\)](#)

00:49:39 John Tubbs, Water Resource Division, Department of
Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:51:13 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
00:51:43 Brianna Randall, Clark Fork Coalition
00:52:36 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:56:10 David Schmidt, self
[EXHIBIT\(fih59a05\)](#)
00:59:17 Scott Davis, self
[EXHIBIT\(fih59a06\)](#)
01:03:42 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors
01:05:39 Mark Norm, self
[EXHIBIT\(fih59a07\)](#)
01:10:05 Clint Campbell, self
[EXHIBIT\(fih59a08\)](#)
01:14:01 Tim Ravndal, self
01:15:30 Tom Miller, self
01:17:00 Mr. Denowh
01:17:31 Jim Lovell, self
01:21:01 Chris Mehring, self
01:22:02 Alex Fox, self

01:25:30 Bob Butler, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a09\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:41 Rep. Cohenour
01:28:27 Ms. Evans
01:29:53 Rep. Cohenour
01:30:19 Ms. Evans
01:31:19 Rep. Cohenour
01:31:35 Ms. Evans
01:32:15 Rep. Cohenour
01:32:49 Ms. Evans
01:34:22 Rep. Welborn
01:34:54 Ms. Evans
01:35:11 Rep. Welborn
01:35:20 Ms. Evans
01:35:52 Rep. Welborn
01:36:07 Ms. Evans
01:36:38 Rep. Welborn
01:37:34 Mr. Miller
01:38:14 Rep. Miller
01:38:48 Mr. Lane
01:38:52 Rep. Miller
01:39:05 Mr. Lane
01:39:25 Rep. Miller
01:39:41 Mr. Lane
01:40:15 Rep. Miller
01:40:43 Ms. Evans
01:41:25 Rep. Washburn
01:42:14 Mr. Lane
01:42:20 Rep. Washburn
01:42:39 Mr. Davis
01:42:44 Rep. Washburn
01:42:54 Mr. Davis
01:43:23 Rep. Washburn
01:43:43 Mr. Davis
01:44:07 Rep. Washburn
01:44:25 Mr. Davis
01:44:28 Rep. Washburn
01:44:37 Mr. Davis
01:44:46 Rep. Phillips
01:45:08 Mr. Norm
01:45:20 Rep. Phillips
01:45:35 Ms. Evans
01:45:43 Rep. Smith
01:46:12 Sen. Perry
01:47:08 Rep. Smith

01:47:28 Sen. Perry
01:47:47 Rep. Smith
01:47:49 Mr. Tubbs
01:47:53 Rep. Smith
01:48:18 Mr. Tubbs
01:50:07 Rep. Smith
01:51:08 Sen. Perry
01:51:17 Rep. Smith
01:51:27 Mr. Tubbs
01:52:59 Rep. Smith
01:53:12 Ms. Evans
01:54:19 Rep. Smith
01:54:44 Sen. Perry
01:54:58 Rep. Cohenour
01:55:40 Mr. Lane
01:56:48 Rep. Cohenour
01:57:24 Mr. Lane
01:59:06 Rep. Peterson
01:59:23 Ms. Evans
01:59:36 Rep. Peterson
02:00:06 Ms. Evans
02:00:36 Rep. Peterson
02:00:47 Ms. Evans
02:01:34 Rep. Peterson
02:01:50 Rep. Phillips
02:02:28 Sen. Perry
02:06:01 Rep. Washburn
02:06:33 Mr. Tubbs
02:06:50 Rep. Washburn
02:07:02 Mr. Tubbs
02:07:10 Rep. Washburn
02:07:44 Mr. Tubbs

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:46 Sen. Perry

02:15:44 Break

02:23:04 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 336

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:23:20 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on
SB 336, Authorize use of dogs to track wounded game
animals.

EXHIBIT(fih59a10)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:33:08 Matt Henderson, self
02:34:26 Mr. Ravndal
02:37:57 Ms. Johnson

Opponents' Testimony:

02:38:29 Mr. Golie

Informational Testimony:

02:39:53 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, FWP
EXHIBIT(fih59a11)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:41:38 Rep. Miller
02:41:59 Sen. Balyeat
02:42:50 Rep. Miller
02:42:57 Sen. Balyeat
02:43:04 Rep. Phillips
02:43:37 Sen. Balyeat
02:44:19 Rep. Washburn
02:44:39 Sen. Balyeat
02:45:11 Rep. Washburn
02:45:24 Mr. Kropp
02:46:30 Rep. Washburn
02:47:16 Mr. Kropp
02:47:33 Rep. Smith
02:47:56 Sen. Balyeat
02:49:18 Rep. Smith
02:49:29 Sen. Balyeat
02:49:51 Rep. Sales
02:50:21 Mr. Kropp
02:52:03 Rep. Sales
02:52:19 Mr. Kropp
02:52:43 Rep. Sales
02:52:58 Mr. Kropp

Closing by Sponsor:

02:53:13 Sen. Balyeat

HEARING ON SB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:58:29 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 344, Revise laws governing wolf hybrids--reporting & ownership.

Proponents' Testimony:

03:03:30 Mr. Reilly

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a12\)](#)

03:07:09 Mr. Smith

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a13\)](#)

03:12:09 Mr. Bodner

03:14:29 Ms. Rolf

03:15:11 Ms. Johnson

Opponents' Testimony:

03:15:31 Mr. Ravndal

03:18:04 Kathy Gallagher, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a14\)](#)

03:33:58 David Summerfield, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a15\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:36:06 Rep. Cohenour

03:36:25 Rep. Barrett

03:37:29 Mr. Smith

03:39:33 Rep. Barrett

03:40:15 Mr. Smith

03:40:57 Rep. Phillips

03:41:24 Mr. Smith

03:42:06 Rep. Phillips

03:42:26 Mr. Smith

03:42:52 Rep. Phillips

03:43:50 Sen. Peterson

03:44:09 Rep. Smith

03:44:41 Mr. Reilly

03:45:52 Rep. Phillips

03:46:43 Sen. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

03:47:58 Sen. Peterson

EXHIBIT(fih59a16)

ADJOURNMENT

03:54:06 Adjournment: 6:54 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits

Letter from Tim Crawford

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a17\)](#)

Letter from William Kleindl, Naiad Aquatic Consultants

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a18\)](#)

"Can You Turn a Wolf into a Dog?" booklet

[EXHIBIT\(fih59a19\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(fih59aad.pdf\)](#)