

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN GREGORY D. BARKUS, on January 13, 2009
at 3:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, 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, 1/6/2009; SB 32, 1/6/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 **SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20**, opened the hearing on **SB 31**, Revise qualifications for fish, wildlife, and parks commissioners.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:18 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau
00:06:57 Tom Hogan, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)
00:08:06 Chuck Donowh, United Property Owners of Montana
00:09:53 Eric Reilly, Montana Woolgrowers Association
00:10:58 Jay Bodner, National Director MSA
00:13:28 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:00 Bill O'Connell, Gallatin Wildlife Association
00:16:18 Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:18:49 Marvin Drake, Montana Bow Hunters Association
00:19:18 Sen. Jim Shockley arrived at meeting

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:27 Sen. John Brenden
00:20:57 Chris Smith, Deputy Director Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:22:58 Sen. Brenden
00:23:18 Sen. Steve Gallus
00:24:12 Sen. Bales
00:24:30 Sen. Jim Shockley
00:24:54 Sen. Trudi Schmidt
00:25:13 Sen. Bales
00:25:35 Sen. Schmidt
00:25:57 Sen. Bales
00:26:48 Sen. Schmidt
00:27:04 Chris Smith, FWP
00:27:50 Chairman Barkus
00:27:58 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
00:28:33 Sen. Joe Balyeat
00:29:52 Sen. Bales
00:31:08 Sen. Balyeat
00:31:24 Mr. Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:32:55 Sen. Debby Barrett
00:33:26 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:33:58 Sen. Barrett

00:34:13 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:34:59 Sen. Barrett
00:36:28 Mr. Smith, FWP
00:37:10 Sen. Barrett
00:37:48 Mr. Bodner, MSA
00:38:31 Sen. Balyeat
00:39:58 Sen. Tropila
00:40:11 Sen. Bales
00:40:34 Sen. Brenden
00:40:51 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:11 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 32

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:45:05 **SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R), SD 4**, opened the hearing on **SB 32**, Allow chiropractor to certify disability for hunting purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:10 Mark Staples, Montana Chiropractors Association (MCA)
00:50:51 Dr. Vince Maddio, MCA
00:51:59 Dr. Greg Pisk, Chiropractor (Kalispell)
00:53:28 Lorena Pettet, Montana Physical Therapy Association (APTA)

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Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:57:28 Chris Smith, (FWP)
01:00:47 Vice Chairman John Brenden

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:09 Sen. Balyeat
01:02:03 Dr. Pisk, Chiropractor
01:02:48 Sen. Balyeat
01:02:55 Mr. Staples, MCA
01:03:17 Sen. Gallus
01:03:22 Senator Balyeat departed for another meeting
01:03:43 Sen. Schmidt
01:03:58 Sen. Barkus
01:04:03 Sen. Schmidt
01:04:52 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

01:05:12 Sen. Schmidt
01:05:17 Sen. Barkus
01:05:21 Sen. Jim Shockley
01:05:48 Sen. Barkus
01:06:07 Sen. Shockley
01:06:12 Sen. Barrett
01:06:45 Sen. Barkus
01:07:45 Vice Chairman Brenden
01:08:12 Mr. Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:11 Sen. Barkus

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:11 P.M.

LINDSEY HERN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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