

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN GREGORY D. BARKUS, on January 22, 2009
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
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 13, 1/9/2009; SB 14, 1/9/2009;
SB 15, 1/9/2009; SB 16, 1/9/2009

Executive Action:

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a01\)](#) Amendment to SJ 15 heard 1/20/09

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a02\)](#) Amendment to SB 202 heard 1/20/09

HEARING ON SB 13

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:41 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing
on **SB 13**, Require equitable apportionment of federal
funds among state hatcheries.

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:31 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleye Unlimited
Montana (WUM)

00:06:33 Carl Seilstad

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a04\)](#)

00:13:29 Mike Newton, State President, WUM

00:15:37 Mike Sedlock, WUM

00:17:19 Bob Klien, WUM

00:18:36 Roy Breaux

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:38 Chris Smith, Deputy Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a05\)](#)

00:27:39 Mark, Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:46 Sen. Jim Shockley

00:31:15 Mr. Smith, FWP

00:31:34 Chris Hunter, Chief of Fisheries, FWP

00:31:58 Sen. Shockley

00:32:04 Mr. Hunter, FWP

00:32:10 Sen. Shockley

00:32:42 Mr. Hunter, FWP

00:34:17 Sen. Shockley

00:34:37 Mr. Hunter, FWP

00:34:56 Sen. Shockley

00:35:10 Mr. Hunter, FWP

00:35:23 Sen. Shockley

00:35:31 Mr. Hunter, FWP

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00:36:15 Sen. Shockley
 00:36:28 Mr. Hunter, FWP
 00:36:46 Sen. Steve Gallus
 00:37:29 Mr. Hunter, FWP
 00:38:20 Chairman Barkus
 00:38:34 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 00:39:04 Chairman Barkus
 00:39:29 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 00:40:28 Chairman Barkus
 00:40:50 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:40:56 Chairman Barkus
 00:41:01 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:41:14 Chairman Barkus
 00:41:15 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:41:57 Sen. Trudi Schmidt
 00:42:20 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:44:12 Sen. Schmidt
 00:44:30 Sen. Shockley
 00:44:46 Sen. Jent left committee.
 00:45:01 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:45:13 Sen. Shockley
 00:45:18 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:45:26 Sen. Joe Balyeat
 00:46:48 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:47:49 Sen. Balyeat
 00:48:07 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:48:15 Sen. Balyeat
 00:49:28 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 00:50:32 Sen. Balyeat
 00:50:35 Sen. John Brenden
 00:51:09 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:51:44 Bob Snyder, Fish Hatcheries Director, FWP
 00:52:02 Sen. Brenden
 00:52:13 Mr. Snyder, FWP
 00:52:58 Sen. Brenden
 00:53:00 Mr. Snyder, FWP
 00:53:16 Sen. Brenden
 00:53:33 Mr. Snyder
 00:53:40 Sen. Shockley
 00:54:16 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 00:54:52 Sen. Jent Returned to committee, Sen. Balyeat left committee.
 00:55:29 Sen. Shockley
 00:55:42 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 00:55:53 Sen. Shockley
 00:56:05 Sen. Schmidt
 00:56:28 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 00:58:23 Sen. Schmidt
 00:58:38 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
 00:59:17 Sen. Tropila

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:08 Sen. Steinbeisser

01:01:33 Chairman Barkus

HEARING ON SB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:43 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing
on **SB 14**, Revise funding of Fort Peck fish hatchery.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:08 Mr. Gilbert, WUM

01:06:00 Carl Seilstad, WUM

01:07:46 Mr. Newton, WUM

01:10:36 Mr. Klein, WUM

01:11:04 Mr. Sedlock, WUM

01:11:30 Larry Mires, Two Rivers/Glasgow

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:02 Mr. Aagenes, MTU

01:14:25 Mr. Smith, FWP

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:28 Sen. Shockley

01:17:34 Mr. Gilbert, WUM

01:17:59 Sen. Shockley

01:18:17 Mr. Gilbert, WUM

01:18:26 Sen. Shockley

01:18:50 Mr. Gilbert, WUM

01:19:33 Sen. Shockley

01:19:47 Chairman Barkus

01:20:09 Mr. Snyder, FWP

01:20:47 Chairman Barkus

01:20:51 Mr. Snyder, FWP

01:21:10 Chairman Barkus

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:27 Sen. Steinbeisser

HEARING ON SB 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:09 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing on **SB 16**, Include warm water fishing stamp as part of all fishing licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:07 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
01:25:06 Mr. Seilstad WUM
01:25:27 Mr. Newton, WUM
01:26:23 Mr. Klein, WUM

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:50 Mr. Aagenes, MTU
01:28:13 Sen. Jent left committee.

Informational Testimony:

01:28:24 Mr. Smith, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:36 Sen. Tropila
01:30:51 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:31:20 Sen. Tropila
01:31:36 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:31:44 Sen. Gallus
01:32:10 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
01:32:17 Sen. Gallus
01:32:27 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
01:33:04 Sen. Gallus
01:33:16 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
01:33:41 Sen. Shockley
01:34:15 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:34:45 Sen. Brenden
01:35:26 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:35:52 Sen. Brenden
01:35:59 Chairman Barkus
01:36:19 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:36:44 Chairman Barkus
01:36:47 Mr. Smith, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:07 Sen. Steinbeisser

HEARING ON SB 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:37:51 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing on **SB 15**, Define walleye as native fish species and update scientific names.

EXHIBIT(fis15a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:20 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
01:42:41 Mr. Newton, WUM
01:44:24 Mr. Seilstad, WUM
01:44:50 Mr. Sedlock, WUM
01:46:15 Mr. Klein, WUM
01:46:44 Mike Lang, WUM

Opponents' Testimony:

01:47:37 Scott Bosse, Montana Chapter American Fisheries Society
EXHIBIT(fis15a08)
01:51:54 Mr. Aagenes
EXHIBIT(fis15a09)
01:53:39 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

01:56:14 Mr. Smith, FWP
EXHIBIT(fis15a10)
01:58:29 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:59:12 Sen. Gallus
01:59:54 Mr. Smith, FWP
02:00:10 Sen. Gallus
02:01:23 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
02:02:20 Sen. Brenden
02:02:22 Mr. Aagenes, MTU
02:02:45 Chairman Barkus
02:03:20 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
02:04:09 Chairman Barkus
02:04:38 Mr. Smith, FWP
02:04:49 Sen. Gallus

02:05:12 Mr. Smith, FWP
02:05:22 Sen. Gallus
02:05:27 Mr. Smith, FWP
02:05:36 Sen. Shockley
02:06:14 Mr. Bosse, Montana Chapter American Fisheries Society
02:06:35 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:55 Sen. Steinbeisser

Additional Business

02:07:43 Sen. Shockley
02:07:58 Chairman Barkus
02:08:02 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

EXHIBIT(fis15a11)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:14 P.M.

LINDSEY HERN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis15aad.pdf](#))