

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chairman Gregory D. Barkus, on February 10, 2009
at 3:00 P.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. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 336, 2/5/2009; SB 344, 2/5/2009;
SJ 19, 2/5/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 336

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 336, Authorize use of dogs to track wounded game animals.

EXHIBIT(fis31a01)

00:01:21 Sen. Schmidt came to the committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:34 Justin Byers, Self

EXHIBIT(fis31a02)

EXHIBIT(fis31a03)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:39 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:19:25 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis31a04)

00:23:49 Jeff Darrah, Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA)

00:24:06 Sen. Jent came to the committee.

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:31 Sen. Shockley

00:25:53 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:26:05 Sen. Shockley

00:26:16 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:26:21 Sen. Shockley

00:26:33 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:27:04 Sen. Shockley

00:27:15 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:27:41 Sen. Shockley

00:27:58 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:28:05 Sen. Brenden

00:28:45 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:29:04 Sen. Barrett

00:29:31 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:30:35 Sen. Barrett

00:31:13 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:32:31 Sen. Tropila
 00:33:03 Chairman Barkus
 00:33:21 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:34:09 Chairman Barkus
 00:34:30 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:34:40 Chairman Barkus
 00:34:57 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:35:29 Chairman Barkus
 00:35:48 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:36:07 Sen. Shockley
 00:36:13 Chairman Barkus
 00:36:23 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:36:31 Chairman Barkus
 00:36:46 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:37:14 Chairman Barkus
 00:37:19 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:37:35 Chairman Barkus
 00:37:50 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:37:54 Chairman Barkus
 00:37:57 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:38:10 Chairman Barkus
 00:38:34 Mr. Kropp, FWP
 00:38:44 Sen. Shockley
 00:39:25 Chris Smith, Deputy Director, FWP
 00:39:44 Sen. Shockley
 00:39:46 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:39:51 Sen. Shockley
 00:40:10 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:40:19 Sen. Shockley
 00:40:35 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:40:40 Sen. Shockley
 00:40:56 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:41:07 Sen. Shockley
 00:41:22 Mr. Smith, FWP
 00:41:36 Sen. Shockley
 00:41:40 Sen. Brenden
 00:42:10 Mr. Kropp, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:30 Sen. Balyeat
 00:48:15 Sen. Shockley
 00:48:23 Chairman Barkus
 00:48:30 Sen. Shockley

HEARING ON SB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:41 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 344, Revise laws governing wolf hybrids--reporting & ownership.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:54 Aeris Reilly, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:54:18 Greg Wichman, MWGA

[EXHIBIT\(fis31a05\)](#)

00:55:59 Zoey McRae, MWGA, also speaking for Mr. Tim Whiteside

[EXHIBIT\(fis31a06\)](#)

00:59:04 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

01:01:35 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

01:02:39 Mr. Smith, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fis31a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:04:51 Kraig Glazier, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:27 Sen. Balyeat

01:07:18 Sen. Peterson

01:07:51 Sen. Balyeat

01:09:10 Sen. Peterson

01:11:47 Sen. Barrett

01:12:00 Sen. Peterson

01:12:30 Sen. Barrett

01:12:52 Sen. Shockley

01:13:11 Mr. Smith, FWP

01:13:36 Chairman Barkus

01:14:36 Sen. Peterson

01:16:09 Chairman Barkus

01:16:29 Sen. Peterson

01:16:32 Chairman Barkus

01:16:33 Sen. Peterson

01:17:10 Chairman Barkus
 01:17:15 Sen. Peterson
 01:17:25 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:20:08 Chairman Barkus
 01:20:15 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:20:18 Chairman Barkus
 01:20:36 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:20:53 Sen. Shockley
 01:21:38 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:21:53 Sen. Shockley
 01:22:02 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:22:17 Sen. Shockley
 01:22:55 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:23:11 Sen. Schmidt
 01:23:21 Mr. Smith, FWP
 01:23:52 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Service Division, LSD
 01:24:22 Sen. Schmidt
 01:24:37 Sen. Peterson
 01:27:32 Sen. Barrett
 01:27:46 Sen. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:23 Sen. Peterson

HEARING ON SJ 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:17 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SJ 19, Urge federal government manage CMR wildlife refuge consistent with enabling law.
 01:30:45 Sen. Balyeat, Sen Jent, and Sen. Gallus left the committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:48 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director Montana Association of Conservation Districts
 01:35:05 Vicki Marquis, Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation Districts Council
 01:35:28 Sen. Jent came to the committee.
 01:38:01 Ms. Rolf, MFBF
 01:39:52 John Bloomquist, MSGA
 01:42:13 Deal Rogge, Garfield Company Conservation District

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:52 Sen. Barrett
01:45:12 Sen. Peterson
01:45:16 Sen. Barrett
01:46:15 Sen. Peterson
01:46:48 Sen. Brenden
01:47:31 Mr. Rogge, Garfield Company Conservation District
01:47:33 Sen. Brenden
01:47:42 Mr. Rogge, Garfield Company Conservation District
01:47:45 Sen. Brenden
01:48:22 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:48:51 Sen. Tropila
01:49:07 Sen. Barrett
01:49:34 Sen. Peterson
01:50:17 Sen. Barrett
01:51:17 Sen. Peterson
01:51:47 Ms. Marquis Coordinator, Missouri River Conservation
Districts Council
01:52:56 Sen. Barrett
01:53:10 Mr. Smith, FWP
01:53:25 Chairman Barkus
01:53:49 Sen. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:57 Sen. Peterson

01:54:34 Chairman Barkus

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis31a08)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Lindsey Hern, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fis31aad.pdf](#))