

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ted Washburn, on January 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ted Washburn, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)
Rep. Max Yates (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cara Gold, 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: HB 148, 1/12/2011; HB 159, 1/12/2011; HB 173, 1/12/2011; HB
176, 1/12/2011

00:00:02 The Chair welcomed everyone and reviewed the rules of the committee.

HEARING ON HB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:14 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 159, Restrict authority of FWP to regulate ammo or firearms for hunting.

EXHIBIT(fih13a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:05 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association, (MTSSA)
00:09:07 Tim Ravndal, Lewis and Clark Conservative Tea Party Group, (LCCTP)
00:10:09 Vince Vaccaro, MTSSA
00:10:41 Michael Gilles, Self
00:10:58 Lincoln Dziekonski, Self
00:11:23 Doug Nulle, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:40 Jim Kropp, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fih13a02)
00:17:02 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)
EXHIBIT(fih13a03)
00:19:00 Michael Kotur, Headwaters Fish and Game Association
EXHIBIT(fih13a04)
00:20:55 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association
00:24:10 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
EXHIBIT(fih13a05)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:46 Rep. Phillips
00:28:15 Rep. Smith
00:30:24 Rep. Phillips
00:30:45 Rep. Smith
00:30:58 Rep. Phillips
00:31:34 Rep. Smith
00:31:41 Rep. Peterson
00:32:01 Mark Murphy
00:32:07 Rep. Peterson
00:32:18 Mark Murphy

00:32:41 Rep. Peterson
 00:33:01 Mark Murphy
 00:33:19 Rep. Peterson
 00:34:00 Mark Murphy
 00:34:54 Rep. Harris
 00:35:39 Ben Lamb
 00:35:54 Rep. Harris
 00:36:09 Ben Lamb
 00:36:34 Rep. Kary
 00:37:09 Janet Ellis
 00:38:17 Rep. Loney
 00:38:40 Gary Marbut
 00:40:47 Rep. Flynn
 00:41:48 Jim Kropp
 00:42:18 Dave Risley, FWP
 00:42:40 Rep. Flynn
 00:42:47 Dave Risley
 00:42:59 Rep. Kennedy
 00:43:23 Jim Kropp
 00:43:56 Rep. Washburn
 00:44:12 Jim Kropp
 00:44:28 Rep. Peterson
 00:45:48 Rep. Smith
 00:46:40 Rep. Phillips
 00:47:00 Jim Kropp
 00:47:06 Rep. Phillips
 00:47:13 Jim Kropp
 00:47:25 Rep. Harris
 00:47:48 Jim Kropp
 00:49:46 Rep. Harris

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:50 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:13 Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 176, Provide antelope tag for certain persons with terminally illness.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:06 Dave Risley, FWP

[**EXHIBIT\(fih13a06\)**](#)

00:56:05 Ben Lamb, MWF

00:56:24 Michael Gilles, Self
 00:56:39 Mary Gilluly, Self
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a07\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a08\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a09\)](#)
 01:02:08 Shara Boschee, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:26 Cindy Swank, Self
 01:06:33 Rep. Knudsen left the hearing.
 01:07:49 Vince Vaccaro, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:08:56 Rep. Connell
 01:09:18 Rep. Skattum left the hearing.
 01:09:46 Dave Risley
 01:10:28 Rep. Knudsen returned to the hearing.
 01:10:53 Rep. Harris
 01:11:42 Vince Vaccaro
 01:12:09 Rep. Harris
 01:13:00 Dave Risley
 01:13:35 Rep. Yates left the hearing.
 01:13:45 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
 01:14:09 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.
 01:14:15 Rep. Yates returned to the hearing.
 01:14:21 Rep. Flynn
 01:15:01 Rep. Kary
 01:15:18 Rep. Flynn
 01:15:38 Rep. Kary
 01:15:48 Rep. Peterson
 01:16:19 Rep. Phillips returned to the hearing.

01:16:36 Dave Risley
01:16:53 Rep. Peterson
01:17:02 Dave Risley
01:17:07 Rep. Peterson
01:17:24 Rep. Welborn
01:18:07 Dave Risley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:50 Rep. Kary

01:18:58 Rep. Skattum returned to the hearing.

01:27:27 Rep. Welborn

01:28:00 Rep. Wilmer left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 173

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:28:25 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 173, Allow artificial light on arrows for certain hunts.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:37 Vince Vaccaro, Self
01:32:23 Gary Marbut, MTSSA
01:32:41 Michaels Gilles, Self
01:32:59 T.J Smith, Montana Archery Association, Superior Archery and Billings Rod and Gun Club.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:54 Jason Tounsley, Montana Bowhunters Association
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a10\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a11\)](#)

01:36:17 Rep. Wilmer returned to the hearing.

01:38:14 Joelle Selk, Traditional Bowhunters of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a12\)](#)

01:40:24 Steve Kamps, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih13a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih13a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih13a15\)](#)

01:41:01 Rep. Skattum left the hearing.

01:46:32 Ben Lamb, MWF

Informational Testimony:

01:47:14 Dave Risley, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fih13a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih13a17\)](#)

01:47:48 Rep. Skattum returned to the hearing.

01:48:30 Rep. Skattum left the hearing.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:59 Rep. Peterson

01:49:36 Steve Kamps

01:49:50 Rep. Peterson

01:50:04 Rep. Flynn

01:50:54 Steve Kamps

01:51:18 Rep. Flynn

01:51:32 Steve Kamps

01:52:54 Rep. Flynn

01:53:27 Steve Kamps

01:54:10 Rep. Flynn

01:54:36 Rep. Washburn

01:54:47 Rep. Harris

01:56:29 Steve Kamps

01:57:30 Rep. Loney

01:57:51 Rep. Washburn

01:58:12 Rep. Skattum returned to the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:23 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 148

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:01:42 Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 148, Allow motorized access to public lands for game retrieval.

02:01:43 Rep. Flynn left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:03:37 Gary Marbut, MTSSA
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a18\)](#)

02:06:22 Rep. Flynn returned to the hearing.

02:06:35 Michael Gilles, Self
02:07:05 Tim Ravndal, LCCTP
02:08:34 Vince Vaccaro, Self
02:09:17 Doug Nulle, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

02:11:29 Michael Kotur, Headwaters Fish and Game Association
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a19\)](#)

02:13:34 Rod Bullis, Self
02:14:53 Ben Lamb, MWF

[EXHIBIT\(fih13a20\)](#)

02:15:53 Dave Risley, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fih13a21\)](#)

02:18:26 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
02:19:09 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers
02:19:53 Vito Quatraro, Headwaters Fish and Game Association
02:20:44 Cindy Swank, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih13a22\)](#)

02:21:40 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
02:22:58 Jason Tounsley, Montana Bowhunters Association
02:23:11 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association

Informational Testimony:

02:23:48 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:24:17 Rep. Washburn
02:25:19 Rep. Kary
02:26:40 Rep. Harris
02:27:39 Rep. Kary
02:28:32 Rep. Harris
02:29:07 Rep. Kary
02:29:30 Rep. Harris
02:29:51 Rep. Kary
02:30:05 Rep. Peterson
02:30:37 Rod Bullis
02:31:48 Rep. Flynn
02:32:29 Rep. Kary
02:32:33 Rep. Flynn
02:33:04 Rep. Miller
02:33:36 Rep. Kary

02:33:40 Rep. Washburn and Rep. Peterson left the hearing.

02:34:26 Rep. Miller
02:34:37 Rep. Kary
02:35:01 Rep. Phillips
02:35:41 Rep. Kary
02:36:24 Rep. Phillips

02:36:36 Rep. Washburn returned to the hearing.

02:36:30 Rep. Phillips
02:37:31 Rep. Kary
02:38:07 Rep. Kennedy
02:38:37 Dave Risley

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:02 Rep. Kary

ADJOURNMENT

02:40:16 Adjournment

Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fi13aad.pdf](#))