

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chairman John Brenden, on January 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Debby Barrett (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 90, 1/7/2011; SB 84, 1/10/2011; SB 118, 1/12/2011

Executive Action: SB 99, SB 115, SB 118

HEARING ON SB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:00 Sen. Jeff Essmann (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 90, \$1 from sale of deer/antelope licenses for processing of donated game.

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:59 Tom Hauptman, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a02\)](#)

00:17:36 Joe Maurier, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a03\)](#)

00:20:11 Jean Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:22:26 Ron Ashabraner, Safari Club International (SCI)

00:22:52 Roxann Lincoln, volunteer advocate for AARP

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:25 George Golie, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:25:41 Stan Frasier, lobbyist, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association (HH&A)

00:27:42 Vito Quatraro, President, Headwaters Fish and Game Association

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:34 Sen. Balyeat

00:30:03 Senators Gallus, Shockley and Wittich joined the hearing

00:31:43 Joe Maurier, FWP

00:33:23 Sen. Brenden

00:35:03 Joe Maurier

00:36:30 Sen. Brenden

00:36:44 Stan Frasier, HH&A

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:21 Sen. Essmann

HEARING ON SB 118

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:23 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 118, Revise laws on leasing of outfitter/guide equipment to include contracting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:56 Robin Cunningham, lobbyist, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)
00:52:41 Jean Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:53:13 Jeannie Worsech, Bureau Chief, Business and Occupational Licensing Bureau,
Board of Outfitters

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:34 Sen. Hinkle
00:54:00 Sen. Jent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:25 Sen. Jent

HEARING ON SB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:34 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 84, Revise deposit of
fish and wildlife fines, restitution, damages.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:23 Shelby DeMars, representing United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:05 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis13a05\)](#)
01:04:05 George Golie, representing Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA) and
Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:05:57 Stan Frasier, representing the Helena Hunters and Anglers Association (HH&A)
01:08:27 Vito Quatraro, President, Headwaters Fish and Game Association
[EXHIBIT\(fis13a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:10:10 Jean Johnson, representing Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
[EXHIBIT\(fis13a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:30 Sen. Gallus
 01:12:09 Sen. Wittich
 01:12:40 Jim Kropp, FWP
 01:15:41 Sen. Wittich
 01:15:53 Joe Maurier, FWP
 01:19:02 Jim Kropp
 01:21:45 Sen. Shockley
 01:22:22 Jim Kropp
 01:23:33 Sen. Hamlett
 01:24:07 Joe Maurier
 01:24:50 Sen. Hamlett
 01:24:59 Jim Kropp
 01:26:01 Sen. Balyeat
 01:26:26 Sen. Hinkle
 01:27:10 Sen. Balyeat
 01:28:14 Jim Kropp
 01:29:36 Sen. Jent
 01:30:13 Jim Kropp
 01:33:42 Sen. Balyeat
 01:34:22 Sen. Wittich
 01:36:04 Sen. Facey
 01:36:50 Sen. Gallus
 01:37:25 Sen. Wittich
 01:38:00 Jim Kropp

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:16 Sen. Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 99

01:43:43 **Motion:** Sen. Shockley moved that **SB 99 DO PASS.**

01:44:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 99 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fis13a08)

01:47:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 99 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

01:48:09 **Motion:** Sen. Shockley moved that **SB 115 DO PASS.**

01:48:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 115 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(fis13a09)

01:49:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gallus moved that **SB 115 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 118

01:51:03 **Motion:** Sen. Jent moved that **SB 118 DO PASS**.

01:51:10 Sen. Barrett returns to meeting.

01:51:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Jent moved that **SB 118 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:52:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 118 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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01:52:38

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis13aad.pdf](#))