

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on January 20, 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. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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 92, 1/17/2011; SB 107, 1/17/2011; SB 136, 1/17/2011; SB 144, 1/17/2011

HEARING ON SB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:56 Sen. Larry Jent (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 92, Revise falconry law to allow capture by nonresidents.

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:59 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a02\)](#)

00:07:55 Ralph Rogers, wildlife biologist and falconer, and Laguna (falcon)

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a03\)](#)

00:11:12 Casey Perkins, lobbyist, Montana Audubon

00:11:50 Blair Andersen, falconer, Cecelia (falcon)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:11 Sen. Balyeat

00:14:29 Sen. Jent

00:15:56 Sen. Balyeat

00:16:38 Casey Perkins, Montana Audubon

00:17:02 Sen. Barrett

00:17:23 Art Noonan, FWP

00:17:39 Tim Feldner, FWP, without objection from the committee

00:18:32 Sen. Hamlett

00:18:50 Sen. Jent

00:19:16 Ralph Rogers

00:21:35 Sen. Facey

00:23:53 Sen. Balyeat

00:24:09 Sen. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:06 Sen. Jent

HEARING ON SB 107

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:00 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 107, Allow park rangers to carry firearms.

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:09 Chas Van Genderen, Administrator of Parks Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a06\)](#)

00:39:55 Tim Ravndal, member, Lewis and Clark County Tea Party

00:41:30 Ben Lamb, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:42:13 Wayne Ternes, Executive Director, Public Safety Officer Standards and Training (POST Council), Department of Justice

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:13 Sen. Hamlett
00:44:11 Chas Van Genderen, FWP
00:44:50 Wayne Ternes, POST Council
00:46:14 Chas Van Genderen
00:46:52 Sen. Barrett
00:47:05 Chas Van Genderen
00:48:49 Sen. Hamlett
00:48:58 Chas Van Genderen
00:49:35 Sen. Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:03 Sen. Van Dyk

HEARING ON SB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:17 Sen. Joe Balyeat (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 136, Revise residency requirements for hunting.

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:34 Gary Marbut, President, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

01:09:00 Doug Nulle, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:09:36 Vito Quatraro, President, Headwaters Fish and Game Association, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a09\)](#)

01:16:06 Tim Aldrich, President, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:17:56 Joelle Selk, lobbyist, Montana Bowhunters Association

01:18:27 Bob Brastrup, Headwaters Fish and Game Association, Inc.

Informational Testimony:

01:20:32 Joe Maurier, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a10\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:23:34 Sen. Brenden

01:24:53 Joe Maurier, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:08 Sen. Balyeat

01:31:01 Recess

HEARING ON SB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:35:50 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 144, Revise laws governing translocation of bison; prohibit free-roaming bison.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:43:13 Tom Beck, self

01:48:06 Cindy Swank, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a11\)](#)

01:51:02 Brian Quigley, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis15a12\)](#)

01:52:22 Shawn Curtis, self

01:52:35 Jay Bodner, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA), Public Lands Council (PLC), Montana Association of State Grazing Districts (MASGD)

01:55:41 Ariel Overstreet, lobbyist, Montana Cattle Women, Inc.

01:55:58 Nicole Rolf, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

01:57:34 Kerry White, Citizens for Balanced Use

01:58:30 Willie Duffield, lobbyist, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties

01:59:36 Tim Ravndal, member, Lewis and Clark County Tea Party

01:59:55 Betty Biggs, self

02:01:18 Alan Wright, self

Opponents' Testimony:

02:02:17 Joe Maurier, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a13\)](#)
 02:08:57 Tim Aldrich, President, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a14\)](#)
 02:12:14 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association
 02:13:55 Glenn Monahan, self
 02:19:19 Sen. Hinkle called for point of order
 02:19:49 John Munding, self
 02:22:35 Annie Glover, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a15\)](#)
 02:25:03 Steve Woodruff, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a16\)](#)
 02:26:05 Jim Bailey, Gallatin Wildlife Association
 02:27:38 Hunter Terry, Buffalo Field Campaign
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a17\)](#)
 02:28:11 Tom France, National Wildlife Federation
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a18\)](#)
 02:28:34 Wayne Brewster, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a19\)](#)
 02:29:05 Land Tawney, Hellgate Hunters & Anglers
 02:30:13 Don Woerner, Our Montana and the Montana Bison Association
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a20\)](#)
 Witness statement provided by Don Woerner after hearing.
 02:31:04 Christina Kracher, InterTribal Buffalo Council
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a21\)](#)
 02:32:35 Steve Forrest, World Wildlife Fund
 02:32:58 Whitney Leonard, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a22\)](#)
 02:33:51 Keith Aune, Wildlife Conservation Society
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a23\)](#)
 02:34:42 Scott Hoeninghausen, self
 02:35:18 Nancy Schultz, self
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a24\)](#)
 02:36:07 Daisey Mei Greywolff, self
 02:36:29 Erin Henry, self
 02:36:45 Becky Weed, self
 02:37:17 Glenn Hockett, Gallatin Wildlife Association (GWA)
[EXHIBIT\(fis15a25\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

02:38:15 Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:38:40 Sen. Hinkle
 02:39:08 Joe Maurier, FWP
 02:39:40 Sen. Wittich

02:40:07	Joe Maurier
02:44:14	Sen. Wittich
02:45:30	John Mundinger
02:48:32	Sen. Wittich
02:49:08	Sen. Brenden
02:50:17	Sen. Facey
02:50:34	Joe Maurier
02:51:26	Sen. Facey
02:51:42	Sen. Brenden
02:52:51	Sen. Hamlett
02:53:15	Joe Maurier
02:54:32	Sen. Barrett
02:54:44	Joe Maurier
02:58:36	Sen. Facey
02:59:00	Joe Maurier
02:59:24	Sen. Wittich
02:59:59	Joe Maurier
03:00:36	Sen. Balyeat
03:01:30	Glenn Hockett, GWA
03:04:40	Sen. Facey
03:05:05	Sen. Balyeat
03:06:52	Joe Maurier
03:11:52	Sen. Balyeat
03:12:40	John Mundinger

Closing by Sponsor:

03:19:48	Sen. Brenden
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Additional exhibits

The following items of correspondence were submitted to the committee before the hearing of SB 144:

EXHIBIT(fis15a26)

E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Jim Klyap.
 E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Darrell Geist.
 E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Kathleen Stachowski.
 E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Jim Bailey.
 E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Gail Richardson.
 E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Jim Posewitz.
 E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Bill O'Connell.
 E-mail dated 1/19/2011 from Heath Nicolas Carey.
 E-mail dated 1/20/2011 from Stuart Phillips.
 E-mail dated 1/20/2011 from Christine Ross.
 E-mail dated 1/20/2011 from Tom Woodbury.
 E-mail dated 1/20/2011 from Karrie Taggart.
 E-mail dated 1/20/2011 from Erin Hill.
 E-mail dated 1/20/2011 from William R. Mealer.

EXHIBIT(fis15a27)

Testimony by Joelle Selk presented after hearing.

EXHIBIT(fis15a28)

Witness statement of John Price, dated January 20, 2011.

EXHIBIT(fis15a29)

Testimony and video from Kerry White on behalf of Citizens for Balanced use received via mail January 21, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
03:28:52

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis15aad.pdf](#))