

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 3, 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. 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. Tom Facey (D)

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: HB 98, 3/3/2011; HB 471, 2/23/2011; HJ 1, 2/23/2011

Executive Action: HB 47 - Be concurred in as amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 47

00:03:00 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 47 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:03:30 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 47 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis48a01)

Discussion:

00:05:30 Sen. Barrett and Sen. Shockley left the hearing.

00:05:37 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:06:17 Sen. Balyeat

00:07:06 Sen. Gallus

00:07:15 Sen. Balyeat

00:07:40 Mr. Kolman, LSD

00:08:17 Sen. Gallus

00:08:49 Mr. Kolman

00:09:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Facey and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:09:44 Mr. Kolman

00:11:20 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 47 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis48a02)

00:11:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Facey and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

00:12:07 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 47 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Facey and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy. Sen. Balyeat will carry the bill.

00:12:30 Recess until adjournment of House floor session.

HEARING ON HJ 1**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:51 Rep. Mike Milburn (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HJ 1, Resolution urging federal legislation removing wolf from Endangered Species list.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:18 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fis48a03)

00:33:40 Ariel Overstreet, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Cattle Women, Inc.
00:34:49 Nicole Rolf, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:35:59 Jeff Tiberi, lobbyist, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
00:36:38 Fred Hodgeboom, President, Montanans For Multiple Use (MFMU)
00:38:26 Clarice Ryan, Board Member, Montanans For Multiple Use (MFMU)
00:41:32 Jean Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
00:42:40 Ben Lamb, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:50 Sen. Gallus
00:44:53 Mr. Risley, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:19 Rep. Milburn

HEARING ON HB 98

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:34 Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 98, Direct proceeds from sale of state parks; deposit in state parks spec. rev. fund.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:57 Chas Van Genderen, Parks Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis48a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:59 Sen. Facey
00:51:11 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
00:51:18 Sen. Wittich

00:52:02 Without objection, Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:46 Rep. Welborn

HEARING ON HB 471

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:16 Rep. Dan Kennedy (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 471, Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:30 Fred Hodgeboom, President, Montanans For Multiple Use (MFMU)

00:57:37 Clarice Ryan, Board Member, Montanans For Multiple Use (MFMU)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:15 John Stephenson-Love, self

01:02:55 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis48a05)

01:09:04 Ben Lamb, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:17 Sen. Hinkle
01:13:55 Mr. Lane, FWP
01:16:31 Sen. Shockley
01:17:11 Mr. Lane
01:22:15 Sen. Facey
01:22:42 Mr. Lamb, MWF
01:24:18 Sen. Hinkle
01:25:41 Mr. Stephenson-Love
01:27:06 Sen. Brenden
01:27:39 Mr. Risley, FWP
01:30:12 Sen. Hamlett
01:30:28 Mr. Risley
01:31:04 Sen. Hamlett
01:31:30 Mr. Lane
01:34:08 Sen. Hamlett
01:34:20 Mr. Lamb
01:37:29 Sen. Brenden
01:37:45 Sen. Wittich

01:39:50 Mr. Risley
01:45:07 Sen. Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:40 Rep. Kennedy

Additional Testimony

EXHIBIT(fis48a06)

Testimony received and distributed to committee by George Golie regarding HB 471 heard in committee on March 3, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

01:48:26

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis48aad.pdf](#))