

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Jon Sonju, on March 13, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jon Sonju, Chair (R)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division

**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 187, 3/4/2013; HB 274, 3/4/2013

**Committee Business:**

00:26:26 Chairman Sonju  
00:27:00 Sen. Facey  
00:27:10 Chairman Sonju  
00:28:00 Sen. Brown  
00:28:05 Chairman Sonju

**HEARING ON HB 274**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:35 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 90, opened the hearing on HB 274. Revise laws related to licensing of outfitters and guides.  
00:30:02 Sen. Arntzen and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:55 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a02\)](#)  
00:35:30 Patrick Tabor, President, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a03\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a04\)](#)  
00:42:09 Rob Arnaud, President, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
00:47:09 Jack Rich, outfitter and owner of Rich Ranch, a guest ranch  
00:49:24 Wagner Harmon, fishing and hunting outfitter  
00:50:21 Craig Madsen, owner, Montana River Outfitters (MRO)  
00:51:59 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:53:34 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:57:50 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a05\)](#)  
01:02:30 Sam Milodragovich, Montana Sportsmen  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a06\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

01:12:47 Jim Kropp, on behalf of Director, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
01:16:58 Tyler Moss, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:17:37 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:17:44 Mr. Kropp, FWP  
 01:19:24 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:22:06 Ms. Johnson, MOGA  
 01:23:02 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:23:51 Mr. Moss, DLI  
 01:24:44 Mr. Tabor, PWOA  
 01:26:10 Chairman Sonju  
 01:26:25 Mr. Moss  
 01:26:42 Sen. Facey  
 01:33:34 Mr. Tabor  
 01:35:30 Sen. Facey  
 01:35:34 Mr. Arnaud, MOGA  
 01:36:51 Sen. Facey  
 01:38:13 Mr. Moss  
 01:38:24 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:39:48 Mr. Moss  
 01:39:56 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:40:00 Alan Charles, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
 01:44:26 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:44:31 Ms. Johnson  
 01:44:54 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:44:58 Mr. Tabor  
 01:45:14 Chairman Sonju  
 01:45:21 Sen. Van Dyk  
 01:45:28 Mr. Tabor  
 01:46:46 Sen. Moore  
 01:48:07 Mr. Tabor  
 01:48:30 Sen. Brown  
 01:48:59 Mr. Kropp  
 01:49:40 Sen. Brown  
 01:52:53 Mr. Moss  
 01:55:53 Mr. Tabor  
 01:53:02 Sen. Facey  
 01:56:38 Sen. Barrett  
 01:56:42 Ms. Johnson  
 01:57:18 Sen. Arntzen  
 01:57:34 Mr. Tabor  
 01:59:23 Sen. Arntzen  
 02:00:48 Mr. Kropp  
 02:01:08 Sen. Jackson  
 02:01:12 Rep. Greef  
 02:01:51 Chairman Sonju  
 02:02:12 Rep. Greef

**EXHIBIT(bus54a07)**

02:04:16 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 02:04:33 Chairman Sonju

02:04:51 Rep. Greef  
 02:05:02 Chairman Sonju  
 02:05:18 Mr. Cunningham, FOAM  
 02:06:18 Sen. Brown  
 02:06:28 Mr. Cunningham  
 02:06:54 Sen. Barrett  
 02:07:46 Mr. Madsen, MRO  
 02:08:07 Sen. Brown  
 02:08:10 Sen. Barrett  
 02:08:19 Mr. Arnaud  
 02:09:24 Sen. Brown  
 02:09:28 Sen. Scott Boulanger, SD 44  
 02:10:31 Sen. Barrett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:10:56 Rep. Greef  
 02:15:07 Recess  
 02:26:48 Resume

**HEARING ON HB 187**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:27:06 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 187. Providing for outfitter's assistants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:37:17 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a08\)](#)  
 02:38:13 Patrick Tabor, President, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA); owns Swan Mountain Outfitters  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a09\)](#)  
 02:44:11 Jack Rich, outfitter and owner of Rich Ranch, a guest ranch  
 02:46:27 Wagner Harmon, rancher from Ringo, Montana  
 02:49:17 Craig Madsen, Montana River Outfitters  
 02:52:02 Mac Minard, Executive Director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus54a10\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:54:07 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)  
 03:01:47 Russell Parks, member, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)  
 03:03:06 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)  
 03:05:43 Mark Raisler, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

03:06:49 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
03:07:28 Neil Eustance, outfitter  
03:11:01 Matt Greemore, fishing outfitter; Director, Fishing Outfitters Association of  
Montana (FOAM)  
03:13:33 Babette Eustance, guide, owner of outfitting business

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:20:14 Sen. Brown  
03:22:57 Mr. Tabor, PWOA  
03:23:09 Sen. Brown  
03:24:06 Mr. Eustance, outfitter  
03:24:17 Sen. Brown  
03:24:25 Mr. Cunningham, FOAM  
03:26:01 Sen. Vuckovich  
03:28:29 Rep. Flynn  
03:29:15 Sen. Brown  
03:29:50 Rep. Flynn  
03:29:54 Chairman Sonju  
03:30:59 Mr. Tabor  
03:31:39 Sen. Arntzen  
03:34:22 Mr. Tabor  
03:34:43 Sen. Barrett  
03:35:03 Mr. Perry, MSA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:35:26 Rep. Flynn  
03:38:13 Chairman Sonju

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:15 P.M.

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([bus54aad.pdf](#))**