

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on January 27, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, 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 160, 1/22/2015; HB 203, 1/22/2015; HB 208, 1/22/2015; HB 250, 1/22/2015

00:00:54 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 203

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 203, Prohibit enforcement of new federal gun laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:30 Chair J. Bennett

00:05:12 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

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00:08:35 Doug Nulle, Self

00:11:42 Tim Ravndal, Montana Weapons Collectors Society, Tenth Amendment Center (TAC) and Oath Keepers

00:13:04 Garrett Bacon, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:58 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

00:17:58 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

00:19:21 Rachel Carroll Rivas, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

00:21:24 Robin Turner, Public Policy/Legal Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

00:23:06 Jerry Williams, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

00:24:55 Rep. Wagoner joined the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:09 Rep. Hill

00:26:04 Tim Ravndal, Montana Weapons Collectors Society, TAC and Oath Keepers

00:26:49 Rep. Hill

00:27:09 Tim Ravndal, Montana Weapons Collectors Society, TAC and Oath Keepers

00:27:31 Rep. Hill

00:28:02 Tim Ravndal, Montana Weapons Collectors Society, TAC and Oath Keepers

00:28:35 Rep. Kelker

00:29:14 Jim Smith, MSPOA

00:29:37 Rep. Kelker

00:29:46 Jim Smith, MSPOA

00:31:00 Rep. Monforton

00:31:37 Jerry Williams, MPPA

00:31:51 Rep. Monforton

00:32:17 Jerry Williams, MPPA

00:32:59 Rep. Monforton

00:33:15 Jerry Williams, MPPA

00:34:10 Rep. Monforton

00:34:26 Jerry Williams, MPPA

00:34:44 Rep. McConnell

00:35:26 Rep. Wittich
00:35:42 Rep. McConnell
00:35:56 Rep. Wittich
00:36:06 Rep. McConnell
00:36:08 Rep. Wittich
00:37:22 Rep. MacDonald
00:39:45 Jim Smith, MSPOA
00:41:26 Rep. Wagoner
00:42:05 Rep. Wittich
00:42:13 Rep. Manzella
00:42:41 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:43:59 Rep. Manzella
00:44:07 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:44:37 Rep. Pinocci
00:45:21 Chair J. Bennett
00:45:24 Rep. Pinocci
00:45:31 Jim Smith, MSPOA
00:46:13 Chair J. Bennett
00:46:24 Rep. Fiscus
00:47:03 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:48:07 Rep. Court
00:48:10 Rep. Perry joined the meeting.
00:48:35 Rep. Wittich
00:49:23 Rep. Court
00:49:34 Rep. Wittich
00:49:40 Chair J. Bennett
00:49:58 Rep. MacDonald
00:50:30 Chair J. Bennett
00:50:36 Rep. MacDonald
00:50:39 Jim Smith, MSPOA
00:51:32 Chair J. Bennett
00:51:38 Rep. MacDonald
00:51:44 Rep. Pease-Lopez
00:52:47 Rep. Wittich
00:53:49 Chair J. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:55 Rep. Wittich

00:58:08 Rep. Regier left the meeting.
00:58:48 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 160

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:59 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 160, Prohibit exploding targets on state owned or administered lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:03:01 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) testifying on behalf of the Director

[EXHIBIT\(juh18a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh18a03\)](#)

01:04:18 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:05:44 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(juh18a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh18a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:46 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

01:10:29 Doug Nulle, Self

Informational Testimony:

01:10:56 Bob Harrington, Administrator, Forestry Division, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) and Trust Land Management Division (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:28 Rep. Kelker
01:11:54 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:12:16 Rep. Kelker
01:12:35 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:13:01 Rep. Eck
01:13:32 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:14:35 Rep. Pinocci
01:15:03 George Golie, MWF
01:15:49 Rep. Wagoner
01:16:03 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:16:10 Rep. Wagoner
01:16:20 Bob Harrington, DNRC
01:17:12 Rep. Berglee
01:17:33 Rep. Curdy
01:18:25 Rep. Berglee
01:19:22 Rep. Curdy
01:20:41 Rep. Wagoner
01:20:52 Chair J. Bennett
01:21:04 Rep. Doane
01:21:45 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:22:04 Rep. Doane
01:22:25 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:23:01 Chair J. Bennett
01:23:35 Rep. Curdy

01:24:26 Chair J. Bennett
01:24:27 Rep. Curdy
01:24:42 Chair J. Bennett
01:24:47 Rep. Curdy
01:24:51 Chair J. Bennett
01:25:26 Rep. Curdy
01:25:35 Chair J. Bennett
01:26:04 Rep. Curdy
01:26:50 Chair J. Bennett
01:26:55 Rep. Eck
01:27:15 Rep. Curdy

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:32 Rep. Curdy

01:29:46 Chair J. Bennett

01:30:01 Recess
01:40:27 Reconvened

01:40:28 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON HB 208

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:40:37 Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 208, Revise pawnbroker register requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:38 Ericka Hughes, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:34 Rep. Person
01:50:57 Ericka Hughes, Self
01:52:10 Rep. Meyers
01:53:34 Ericka Hughes, Self
01:53:42 Rep. Meyers
01:53:56 Ericka Hughes, Self
01:55:06 Rep. Kelker
01:56:02 Ericka Hughes, Self
01:56:37 Rep. Kelker
01:56:52 Ericka Hughes, Self
01:57:52 Rep. Court
01:58:59 Ericka Hughes, Self
01:59:59 Rep. Kelker
02:00:12 Rep. Court

02:00:19 Ericka Hughes, Self
02:00:25 Rep. Court
02:00:32 Ericka Hughes, Self
02:00:57 Rep. Eck
02:01:34 Ericka Hughes, Self
02:02:21 Rep. Eck
02:02:31 Ericka Hughes, Self
02:03:09 Rep. McConnell
02:03:55 Ericka Hughes, Self
02:04:10 Rep. McConnell
02:04:18 Ericka Hughes, Self
02:04:23 Rep. Laszloffy
02:04:47 Rep. D. Moore
02:05:18 Rep. Laszloffy
02:05:36 Rep. D. Moore
02:06:00 Chair J. Bennett

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:09 Rep. D. Moore

HEARING ON HB 250

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:07:13 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 250, Clarifying use of suppressed firearms to hunt certain wildlife is allowed.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:09:09 George Golie, Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA)

Informational Testimony:

02:12:49 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:05 Rep. Hill
02:14:07 Rep. Wagoner
02:15:19 Rep. Regier rejoined the meeting.
02:15:47 Rep. Hill
02:17:15 George Golie, MGWA
02:18:02 Rep. Berglee
02:18:25 George Golie, MGWA
02:19:45 Rep. Berglee
02:20:25 George Golie, MGWA
02:20:53 Rep. Berglee
02:21:14 George Golie, MGWA
02:21:45 Rep. Eck
02:22:07 Jim Kropp, FWP
02:23:06 Rep. Eck
02:23:27 Jim Kropp, FWP

02:24:02 Rep. Pinocci
02:24:22 George Golie, MGWA
02:24:29 Rep. Pinocci
02:24:50 George Golie, MGWA
02:25:10 Rep. Fiscus
02:25:54 George Golie, MGWA
02:26:04 Rep. Fiscus
02:26:28 George Golie, MGWA
02:26:41 Rep. Person
02:27:17 George Golie, MGWA
02:28:25 Chair J. Bennett
02:28:46 Rep. Wagoner
02:30:29 Chair J. Bennett
02:31:07 Rep. Wagoner
02:32:23 Rep. Court
02:32:55 Rep. Wagoner
02:33:14 Rep. Regier left the meeting.
02:33:44 Rep. Court
02:34:31 Rep. Wagoner
02:35:16 Rep. Court
02:35:25 Jim Kropp, FWP
02:35:39 Rep. Court
02:35:45 Rep. Laszloffy left the meeting.
02:36:06 Jim Kropp, FWP
02:36:42 Chair J. Bennett
02:36:46 Rep. Kelker
02:37:21 Rep. Wagoner
02:37:38 Rep. Manzella
02:38:16 Rep. Wagoner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:39:14 Rep. Wagoner

02:41:10 Chair J. Bennett
02:41:19 Rep. Eck
02:41:27 Chair J. Bennett
02:42:16 Helen Thigpen, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:42:33 Chair J. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:43:32

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh18aad.pdf](#))