

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on March 23, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., 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. 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. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (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: SB 295, 3/17/2015; SB 298, 3/17/2015; SB 356, 3/17/2015

00:00:55 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON SB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 295, Revise laws regarding sound suppressors for hunting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:15 Rep. Monforton joined the meeting.

00:03:40 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh60a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh60a02\)](#)

00:08:33 Doug Nulle, Self

00:10:33 Rick LePage, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:13 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) on behalf of Director

[EXHIBIT\(juh60a03\)](#)

00:14:39 George Golie, Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:55 Rep. Doane

00:17:18 Gary Marbut, MSSA

00:17:47 Rep. Hill

00:18:41 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:19:38 Rep. Hill

00:20:12 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:20:38 Rep. Fiscus

00:21:01 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:21:05 Rep. Fiscus

00:21:14 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:21:17 Rep. Fiscus

00:21:21 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:21:29 Rep. Fiscus

00:21:48 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:22:00 Rep. Fiscus

00:22:06 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:22:28 Rep. Kelker

00:23:21 Gary Marbut, MSSA

00:24:18 Rep. Monforton

00:25:00 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:26:00 Rep. Monforton

00:26:21 Jim Kropp, FWP

00:27:00 Rep. MacDonald

00:27:41 George Golie, MGWA

00:28:14 Rep. Berglee

00:28:52 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:30:10 Rep. Berglee
00:30:35 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:30:47 Rep. Berglee
00:31:03 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:31:22 Rep. McConnell
00:32:06 Sen. Blasdel
00:32:14 Chair J. Bennett
00:32:21 Rick LePage, Self
00:32:40 Rep. McConnell
00:32:58 Rep. Regier joined the meeting.
00:33:01 Rick LePage, Self
00:33:40 Rep. McConnell
00:34:04 Sen. Blasdel
00:34:49 Rep. McConnell
00:35:05 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:35:20 Rep. McConnell
00:35:38 Gary Marbut, MSSA
00:36:09 Rep. Doane
00:36:26 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:36:45 Rep. Doane
00:36:57 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:37:12 Chair J. Bennett
00:37:53 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:38:36 Chair J. Bennett
00:38:51 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:39:10 Chair J. Bennett
00:39:19 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:39:29 Rep. Manzella
00:40:33 Rick LePage, Self
00:41:07 Rep. Court
00:42:16 George Golie, MGWA
00:43:37 Rep. Court
00:44:07 George Golie, MGWA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:05 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON SB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:09 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 356, Revise law enforcement laws.

[EXHIBIT\(juh60a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:52:46 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General/Legislative Liaison, Office of the Attorney General (AG), Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:53:53 Glen Stinar, Administrator, Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:54:20 Rep. Kelker
00:54:56 Jon Bennion, DOJ
00:55:12 Glen Stinar, MLEA
00:56:40 Rep. Kelker
00:57:17 Glen Stinar, MLEA
00:58:52 Rep. Meyers
01:00:13 Glen Stinar, MLEA
01:00:58 Rep. Meyers
01:01:10 Glen Stinar, MLEA
01:01:33 Rep. Doane
01:01:51 Glen Stinar, MLEA
01:02:40 Rep. Doane
01:02:51 Glen Stinar, MLEA
01:03:44 Rep. Doane
01:04:02 Sen. Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:59 Sen. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 298**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:41 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 298, Enforce provisions of the enabling act regarding sale of public lands.

[EXHIBIT\(juh60a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:33 Jody Loomis, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

01:19:51 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General/Legislative Liaison, Office of the Attorney General (AG)
01:20:07 John Hagengruber, Montana Liaison, US Forest Service (USFS)

[EXHIBIT\(juh60a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:38 Rep. Wagoner
01:20:56 Sen. Fielder
01:21:17 Rep. Wagoner
01:21:25 Sen. Fielder
01:21:41 Rep. Wagoner
01:22:03 Sen. Fielder

01:23:10 Rep. Kelker
01:23:32 Jon Bennion, AG
01:24:04 Rep. Kelker
01:24:18 Jon Bennion, AG
01:24:24 Rep. Court
01:25:14 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:28:11 Rep. Court
01:28:38 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:29:00 Rep. Court
01:29:17 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:29:23 Rep. Court
01:29:55 Jon Bennion, AG
01:30:46 Rep. Court
01:31:00 Jon Bennion, AG
01:31:17 Rep. Person
01:31:38 Jon Bennion, AG
01:32:55 Rep. Wagoner
01:33:38 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:33:47 Rep. Wagoner
01:33:56 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:34:14 Rep. Kelker
01:34:51 Sen. Fielder
01:35:42 Rep. Doane
01:36:10 Chair J. Bennett
01:36:46 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:38:46 Chair J. Bennett
01:38:58 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:39:17 Rep. Doane
01:39:46 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:40:25 Rep. Doane
01:40:44 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:41:02 Rep. Doane
01:41:15 John Hagengruber, USFS
01:41:44 Rep. McConnell
01:42:01 Sen. Fielder
01:42:07 Rep. McConnell
01:42:24 Sen. Fielder
01:44:36 Rep. McConnell
01:44:55 Sen. Fielder
01:45:48 Rep. McConnell
01:45:56 Sen. Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

01:46:49 Sen. Fielder

01:48:36 Chair J. Bennett

EXHIBIT(juh60a07)

01:50:48 Rep. Person

01:53:19 Rep. Doane

01:54:26 Chair J. Bennett

01:55:03 Rep. Court
01:55:09 Chair J. Bennett
01:55:36 Rep. Court
01:55:41 Chair J. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:56:06

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh60aad.pdf](#))