

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, 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 167, 2/24/2015; HB 279, 2/24/2015

Executive Action: SB 339: TABLED
HB 279: Be Concurred In

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 339

00:00:57 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
EXHIBIT(fis49a01)

00:01:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vuckovich moved that **SB 339 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote by those present and voting.

HEARING ON HB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:32 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 279, Clarify laws related to when and how to legally tag game animals.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:54 Jim Kropp, chief of law enforcement, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:24:15 George Golie, Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA) and Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:25:31 John Borgreen, Great Falls, Russel Country Sportsmens Association (RCSA), Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:23 Rep. Essmann

00:27:15 Chair Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 279

00:27:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fielder moved that **HB 279 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

00:28:08 Chair Brenden

HEARING ON HB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:45 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 167, Generally revise off-highway vehicle laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:54 Ronna Alexander, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis49a02\)](#)

00:36:08 Bruce Reiersen, president, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis49a03\)](#)

00:39:15 Mike Jeffords, vice president, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

00:41:48 John Borgreen, Great Falls, Russel Country Sportsmens Association (RCSA),
Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:43:01 Chair Brenden turned over chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Ripley

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:43:32 Chas Van Genderen, parks division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:56 Sen. Fielder

00:44:41 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP

00:44:46 Sen. Facey

00:44:54 Mr. Van Genderen

00:45:00 Sen. Hinkle

00:45:13 Mr. Van Genderen

00:45:27 Sen. Vincent

00:48:12 Mr. Van Genderen

00:48:35 Sen. Fielder

00:50:20 Rep. Welborn

00:51:10 Sen. Vincent

00:51:37 Rep. Welborn

00:51:47 Sen. Facey

00:52:04 Ms. Alexander, MTVRA

00:53:04 Sen. Smith

00:53:17 Ms. Alexander

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:54 Rep. Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:58 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis49aad.pdf](#))