

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 19, 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. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 7, 3/12/2015; SR 8, 3/12/2015

Executive Action: SB 395: Vote Tied - Remains in Committee

Committee Business:

00:00:53 Chair Brenden

00:02:08 Chair Brenden turned chair responsibilities over to Vice Chair Ripley

HEARING ON SR 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:19 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 8, Confirm Governor's appointees to state parks and recreation board.

Mary Sexton

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:02 Mary Sexton, appointee
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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:11 Sen. Fielder
00:06:50 Ms. Sexton, appointee
00:07:13 Sen. Fielder
00:07:31 Chair Ripley
00:07:52 Sen. Fielder
00:07:56 Ms. Sexton
00:08:11 Sen. Vincent
00:10:27 Ms. Sexton
00:10:33 Sen. Vincent
00:10:39 Sen. Brenden
00:11:35 Ms. Sexton
00:12:25 Sen. Phillips
00:12:55 Ms. Sexton
00:14:01 Sen. Vincent
00:15:53 Ms. Sexton

Tom Towe

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:36 Tom Towe, appointee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from the Committee:

00:21:51 Sen. Hinkle
00:26:08 Mr. Towe, appointee
00:26:57 Sen. Vincent
00:32:58 Mr. Towe
00:33:06 Sen. Fielder
00:38:18 Mr. Towe
00:39:02 Sen. Brenden
00:42:07 Mr. Towe

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:44 Sen. Brenden

HEARING ON SR 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:11 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 7, Confirm Governor appointments related to FWP.

Gary J. Wolfe

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:40 Gary J. Wolfe, appointee, Fish and Wildlife Commission
00:47:10 Rod Bullis, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:04 Sen. Fielder
00:53:25 Mr. Wolfe, appointee
00:54:16 Sen. Vincent
00:56:32 Mr. Wolfe
00:56:45 Sen. Brenden
01:04:57 Mr. Wolfe
01:06:35 Sen. Hinkle
01:08:44 Mr. Wolfe

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:01 Sen. Brenden

Diane Beryl Conradi

Proponents' Testimony:

01:09:05 Diane Beryl Conradi, appointee, State Parks and Recreation Board

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:15 Sen. Vincent
01:18:45 Ms. Conradi, appointee
01:19:09 Sen. Fielder
01:19:42 Ms. Conradi
01:22:18 Sen. Brenden
01:23:17 Ms. Conradi

Douglas J. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:10 Douglas J. Smith, appointee, State Parks and Recreation Board

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Jeff Welch

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:22 Jeff Welch, appointee, State Parks and Recreation Board

01:28:07 Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:31 Sen. Fielder
 01:30:41 Mr. Welch, appointee
 01:31:17 Sen. Hinkle
 01:31:36 Mr. Welch
 01:34:46 Sen. Vincent
 01:35:23 Mr. Welch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:44 Sen. Brenden
 01:37:35 Chair Brenden resumed Chair responsibilities.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 395

01:38:20 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 395 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:38:43 Chair Brenden
 01:38:45 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:38:58 Chair Brenden
 01:39:03 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
 01:39:20 Chair Brenden
 01:39:27 Sen. Ripley

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01:39:40 Sen. Vincent
 01:39:45 Ms. Stockwell

01:39:51 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 395 BE AMENDED** (see Exhibit 2).

Discussion:

01:40:14 Ms. Stockwell
 01:40:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hamlett was excused.

01:40:50 Sen. Facey
 01:41:07 Sen. Ripley
 01:41:14 Ms. Stockwell
 01:41:21 Sen. Facey

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EXHIBIT(fis57a04)

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01:41:48 Chair Brenden
 01:41:54 Sen. Facey

01:42:39 Sen. Fielder
01:42:45 Ms. Stockwell
01:43:04 Sen. Facey
01:43:11 Chair Brenden

01:43:16 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 395 BE AMENDED** (see Exhibit 4).

Discussion:

01:43:20 Sen. Facey
01:44:01 Chair Brenden
01:44:04 Ms. Stockwell
01:44:40 Sen. Ripley
01:44:51 Sen. Facey
01:45:11 Sen. Ripley
01:45:19 Sen. Facey
01:45:29 Chair Brenden
01:45:39 Sen. Hinkle
01:45:48 Chair Brenden
01:45:53 Sen. Hinkle
01:46:03 Sen. Fielder

01:46:15 Scott Boulanger, self

01:46:25 Sen. Fielder
01:46:40 Mr. Boulanger, self
01:47:36 Sen. Fielder
01:47:44 Sen. Phillips
01:48:50 Sen. Fielder
01:50:13 Sen. Hinkle
01:50:35 Sen. Phillips

01:51:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Vincent voting aye. Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

01:51:49 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 395 BE AMENDED** (see Exhibit 5).

Discussion:

01:52:41 Chair Brenden
01:52:44 Sen. Facey
01:53:19 Sen. Ripley
01:53:33 Sen. Facey
01:53:40 Sen. Hinkle
01:55:42 Sen. Ripley
01:56:12 Sen. Fielder
01:56:52 Chair Brenden

01:57:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey and Sen. Phillips voting aye. Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

01:57:55 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 395 BE AMENDED** (see Exhibit 3).

01:58:11 Without objection, Sen. Facey withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

Discussion:

01:58:31 Sen. Ripley

01:58:47 Sen. Facey

01:59:13 Sen. Vuckovich

01:59:53 Sen. Ripley

02:00:37 Sen. Vincent

02:02:33 Sen. Ripley

02:03:06 Chair Brenden

02:04:13 Sen. Vuckovich

02:06:37 Chair Brenden

02:07:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 395 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Hinkle, Sen. Ripley and Sen. C. Smith voting aye. Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

02:08:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 395 BE TABLED**. Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Hamlett voted by proxy.

02:09:12 Sen. Vuckovich

Committee Business:

02:09:21 Chair Brenden

02:09:41 Ms. Stockwell

02:09:46 Chair Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:12 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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