

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 24, 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. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 300, 3/18/2015

Executive Action: SB 395: Do Pass As Amended
SR 7: Be Adopted
SR 8: Table
SR 44: Table

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 395

00:01:03 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 395 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

Discussion:

00:01:38 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:01:46 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 395 BE AMENDED**
EXHIBIT(fis61a01)

Discussion:

00:02:25 Sen. Ripley
00:04:44 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
00:05:29 Sen. Facey
00:06:26 Chair Brenden
00:06:40 Ms. Stockwell

00:07:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 395 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

00:08:09 Chair Brenden turned chair responsibilities over to Vice Chairman Ripley.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 7

00:08:15 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SR 7 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:09:05 Vice Chair Ripley
00:09:11 Sen. Vincent

00:09:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 8

Discussion:

00:09:51 Sen. Brenden
00:10:03 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:10:42 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SR 8 BE ADOPTED.**

00:11:22 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SR 8 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis61a02)

Discussion:

00:11:32 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
00:12:10 Sen. Brenden

00:12:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

00:13:13 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SR 8 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:13:25 Sen. Fielder
00:14:38 Sen. Brenden

00:15:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Facey and Sen. Ripley voting aye. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

Discussion:

00:15:54 Sen. Vuckovich
00:15:57 Vice Chair Ripley
00:16:03 Sen. Vuckovich
00:16:07 Sen. Brenden

00:16:24 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved to **RECONSIDER THE PREVIOUS ACTION** on **SR 8.**

00:16:30 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Facey made a substitute motion that **SR 8 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:16:48 Sen. Brenden
00:16:53 Vice Chair Ripley
00:16:56 Sen. Brenden
00:16:59 Ms. Stockwell
00:17:06 Vice Chair Ripley
00:17:09 Ms. Stockwell
00:17:11 Vice Chair Ripley
00:17:24 Sen. Vuckovich

00:17:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

Discussion:

00:18:16 Sen. Brenden
00:18:24 Ms. Stockwell

00:18:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SR 8 BE TABLED..** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 44

00:19:14 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SR 44 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:19:40 Sen. Brenden
EXHIBIT(fis61a03)

00:20:56 Sen. Hinkle
00:22:18 Sen. Vuckovich

00:22:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Facey, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Vuckovich voting aye. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

00:23:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SR 44 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Phillips were excused.

Committee Business:

00:24:44 Sen. Brenden
00:25:54 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:25:57 Sen. Vincent
00:26:08 Chair Brenden

00:26:48 Recess
00:34:38 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 300

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:05 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, (bill co-sponsor) opened the hearing on HB 300, Create snowmobile trail pass.
EXHIBIT(fis61a04)

00:39:05 Sen. Hamlet entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:18 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use
00:40:18 Scott Herzog, Great Falls; president, Montana Snowmobile Association
EXHIBIT(fis61a05)

00:42:11 Bob Walker, Our Montana and Montana Trails, Recreation and Parks
Association
00:44:08 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:44:47 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64 (bill sponsor) entered the hearing.
00:44:53 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
00:45:11 Jon Seaman, Great Falls Snowmobile Club and the Kings Hill Grooming
Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:45:35 Chas Van Genderen, administrator, Montana State Parks, Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:47 Sen. Fielder
00:46:21 Rep. White
00:47:07 Sen. Fielder
00:47:48 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP
00:48:23 Sen. Hinkle
00:49:08 Sen. Vincent
00:49:54 Rep. White
00:51:57 Sen. Hinkle

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:40 Sen. Vincent, co-sponsor

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:55 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis61aad.pdf](#))