

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on April 14, 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) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary: HB 140, 4/11/2015; HB 269, 4/11/2015

Executive Action: HB 167- Be Concurred In As Amended
HB 300 - Be Concurred In As Amended
HB 140 - Be Concurred In As Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 167

00:01:17 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 167 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:01:25 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 167 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:01:49 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
EXHIBIT(fis75a01)

00:04:56 Sen. Ripley
00:05:05 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
00:05:24 Sen. Fielder
00:05:31 Ms. Stockwell
00:05:59 Sen. Hinkle
00:06:13 Sen. Vincent
00:07:03 Sen. Ripley

00:07:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:07:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 167 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 300

00:08:35 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 300 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:09:04 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
EXHIBIT(fis75a02)

00:09:29 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 300 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:09:53 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
00:10:40 Sen. Vincent

00:10:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:11:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 300 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Vincent will carry the bill.

Discussion:

00:11:30 Sen. Facey
00:11:44 Chair Brenden

00:11:55 Brief Recess
00:33:51 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 140**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:08 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 140, Revise laws related to hunting and fishing licenses.

[EXHIBIT\(fis75a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:38 Marc Cooke, president, Wolves of the Rockies
00:41:50 Ed Beall, Citizens Advisory Council

[EXHIBIT\(fis75a04\)](#)

00:45:43 Jeff Hagener, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis75a05\)](#)

00:52:16 Ed Grady, self
00:53:46 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
00:55:05 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana
00:56:51 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana (WUM)
01:00:14 Mark Aagenes, conservation director, Montana Trout Unlimited
01:00:46 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation
01:01:37 John Borgreen, Laurel Rod and Gun Club (LRGC), Russell Country Sportsmens Association (RCSA), Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis75a06\)](#)

01:04:16 Bob Martinka, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis75a07\)](#)

01:05:41 Jack Rich, licensed outfitter and guide, Seeley Lake
01:06:09 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
01:07:15 Rhonda Lanier, Wolves of the Rockies

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:41 Harry Wang, Associated Students of the University of Montana
01:09:54 Rep. Kerry White, HD 64
01:10:08 Mike Hopkins, Montana Associated Students

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:44 Sen. Hinkle
01:13:34 Mr. Hagener, FWP
01:14:49 Sen. Ripley
01:19:27 Mr. Hagener
01:20:02 Sen. Fielder
01:20:47 Mr. Borgreen, LRG, RCSA, MSA
01:22:38 Sen. Fielder
01:23:27 Mr. Gilbert, WUM
01:24:58 Chair Brenden
01:25:20 Mr. Hagener
01:25:54 Chair Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:32 Sen. Welborn

HEARING ON HB 269**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:58 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 269, Revise hunting access enhancement program laws and provide funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:35:14 Jeff Hagener, director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis75a08\)](#)

01:36:27 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
01:37:51 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation
01:39:54 Ed Grady, self
01:40:56 Jake Troyer, Montana Audubon
[EXHIBIT\(fis75a09\)](#)

01:41:38 John Borgreen, Laurel Rod and Gun Club; Russell Country Sportsmen; Montana Sportsmen Alliance
01:43:23 Ed Beall, Citizens Advisory Council
01:46:01 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
01:46:38 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:39 Sen. Ripley
01:50:07 Rep. Jacobson

01:50:39 Sen. Ripley
 01:51:11 Sen. Phillips
 01:51:29 Rep. Jacobson
 01:51:39 Sen. Fielder
 01:53:00 Mr. Hagener, FWP
 01:53:26 Sen. Hinkle
 01:56:25 Mr. Hagener
 01:58:16 Sen. Hinkle
 01:58:41 Rep. Jacobson
 02:00:16 Sen. Phillips
 02:01:32 Mr. Hagener
 02:01:51 Chair Brenden
 02:01:57 Mr. Hagener
 02:02:07 Alan Charles, manager, Block Management Program, Department of Fish,
 Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 02:02:21 Chair Brenden
 02:02:28 Mr. Charles, FWP
 02:03:09 Chair Brenden
 02:03:29 Mr. Charles

Closing by Sponsor:

02:04:33 Rep. Jacobson
 02:05:28 Brief Recess
 02:16:57 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 140

02:17:00 Chair Brenden
 02:17:12 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT\(fis75a10\)](#)

02:17:56 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 140 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:18:06 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 140 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:18:12 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
 02:18:32 Sen. Vincent
 02:19:09 Sen. Facey
 02:19:43 Sen. Vuckovich
 02:20:22 Chairman Brenden
 02:20:44 Sen. Vincent
 02:21:37 Sen. Vuckovich
 02:21:47 Sen. Vincent
 02:21:53 Sen. Hinkle
 02:22:18 Chair Brenden
 02:22:24 Sen. Fielder

02:23:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Vuckovich voting no.

Discussion:

02:24:16 Ms. Stockwell
 02:24:46 Sen. Hamlett
 02:24:56 Ms. Stockwell
 02:25:03 Chair Brenden
 02:25:09 Mr. Hagener, FWP

02:25:21 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 140 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:25:45 Chair Brenden
 02:26:03 Ms. Stockwell

02:26:14 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HB 140 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:26:38 Ms. Stockwell
[EXHIBIT\(fis75a11\)](#)

02:27:24 Chair Brenden
 02:29:05 Sen. Ripley
 02:29:18 Chair Brenden
 02:29:33 Ms. Stockwell
 02:30:06 Sen. Ripley
 02:30:12 Chair Brenden
 02:30:15 Ms. Stockwell
 02:30:26 Sen. Hamlett
 02:30:52 Chair Brenden
 02:31:23 Sen. Hamlett
 02:31:38 Chair Brenden
 02:31:53 Sen. Facey
 02:32:12 Sen. Ripley
 02:32:56 Chair Brenden

02:33:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Vuckovich voting no.

Discussion:

02:34:06 Sen. Hinkle
[EXHIBIT\(fis75a12\)](#)

02:34:17 Ms. Stockwell

02:34:23 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 140 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:34:56 Chair Brenden
02:35:07 Sen. Hinkle
02:35:17 Chair Brenden
02:35:30 Ms. Stockwell
02:35:43 Chair Brenden
02:35:45 Ms. Stockwell
02:35:51 Chair Brenden
02:35:56 Sen. Vincent
02:36:04 Sen. Hinkle

EXHIBIT(fis75a13)

02:38:05 Chair Brenden

02:38:15 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 140 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:38:28 Ms. Stockwell
02:39:20 Chair Brenden

02:39:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:39:43 **Motion:** Sen. Vincent moved that **HB 140 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:39:54 Sen. Hamlett
02:40:28 Chair Brenden

02:40:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Fielder voting no. Sen. Brenden will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

02:41:23 Chair Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:46 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis75aad.pdf](#))