

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on April 16, 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)  
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: SR 30, 4/13/2015; SR 31, 4/13/2015

Executive Action: HB 150 - Be Concurred In

**Committee Business:**

00:00:40 Chair Brenden  
00:02:02 Chair Brenden turned chair responsibilities over to Vice Chair Ripley  
00:02:48 Vice Chair Ripley

**HEARING ON SR 30****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:53 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 30, Confirm Governor's appointees to the fish and wildlife commission.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:38 Richard Kerstein, appointee  
00:07:47 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:21 Sen. Fielder  
00:08:51 Mr. Kerstein, appointee  
00:10:07 Sen. Fielder  
00:10:49 Sen. Hinkle  
00:11:20 Mr. Kerstein  
00:14:34 Sen. Hinkle  
00:14:51 Sen. Brenden  
00:14:56 Vice Chair Ripley  
00:15:17 Mr. Kerstein  
00:19:05 Sen. Fielder  
00:19:54 Mr. Kerstein  
00:20:59 Sen. Fielder  
00:21:44 Sen. Hamlett  
00:22:01 Mr. Kerstein  
00:24:14 Sen. Hamlett  
00:24:17 Sen. Vincent  
00:24:55 Vice Chair Ripley  
00:25:04 Sen. Vincent  
00:26:50 Mr. Kerstein  
00:27:46 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:28:14 Sen. Fielder  
00:28:24 Vice Chair Ripley  
00:28:28 Sen. Fielder  
00:28:32 Sen. Brenden  
00:28:55 Sen. Fielder  
00:29:01 Mr. Kerstein

00:30:39 Vice Chair Ripley  
00:30:58 Mr. Kerstein  
00:34:28 Vice Chair Ripley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:35 Sen. Brenden

**HEARING ON SR 31**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:47 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 31, Confirm appointee to fish and wildlife commission.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:36:07 Dan Vermillion, appointee  
00:42:04 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Cattlewomen, Inc.  
00:43:26 Robin Cunningham, self  
00:44:34 Vice Chair Ripley said Rep. Alan Redfield, HD 59, should be recorded as a proponent.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:44:52 Sen. Doug Kary, SD 22

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:46:20 Sen. Phillips  
00:46:36 Mr. Vermillion, appointee  
00:52:11 Sen. Hinkle  
00:59:04 Mr. Vermillion  
01:00:27 Sen. Fielder  
01:02:48 Mr. Vermillion  
01:04:53 Sen. Hamlett  
01:06:24 Mr. Vermillion  
01:06:49 Sen. Vincent  
01:10:39 Mr. Vermillion  
01:11:50 Vice Chair Ripley  
01:14:25 Mr. Vermillion  
01:14:55 Vice Chair Ripley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:00 Sen. Brenden

01:15:34 Chair Brenden resumed chair responsibilities.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150**

01:15:57     **Motion:** Sen. Hamlett moved that **HB 150 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:16:13     Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:16:19     Sen. Ripley

01:16:29     Chair Brenden

01:16:33     Ms. Stockwell, LSD

01:19:25     Sen. Ripley

01:19:40     Ms. Stockwell

01:20:24     Sen. Vincent

01:21:04     Sen. Fielder

01:21:29     Sen. Hamlett

01:22:04     Sen. Vincent

01:22:40     **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Vincent voting no. Sen. Hamlett will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

01:23:22     Chair Brenden

01:23:34     Sen. Hamlett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:09 P.M.

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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