

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DOUG WAGNER**, on February 4, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Doug Wagner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mikell Johnson, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 379
HB 389
HB 398
Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON HB 379

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Tash

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 22 - 57}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 59 - 172}

Dustin Doane, Montana Wildlife Federation

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 175 - 211}

EXHIBIT(fih28a01)

Patrick Heffernan, Montana Forestry, Montana Logging Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 215 - 230}

EXHIBIT(fih28a02)

John Youngberg, Montana Farmers Union, Montana Farm Bureau

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 231 - 243}

Don Allan, Western Trade Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 244 - 251}

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 253 - 280}

Bruce Farley, Trout Unlimited

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 282 - 309}

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Informational Testimony:

Paul Sihler, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 317 - 447}

EXHIBIT(fih28a03)

Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Force Association

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 451 - 475}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 476 - 828; Comments:
continued on tape 1 side B}*

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Bill Tash

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 829 - 900}

HEARING ON HB 389

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Bob Davies

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 908 - 999}

Proponents' Testimony:

Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Force Association, Western Montana
Fish and Game Association, Big Sky Practical Shooting Club

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 3 - 125}

Opponents' Testimony:

Paul Sihler, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 129 - 210}

EXHIBIT(fih28a04)

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 215 - 335}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Bob Daives

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 336 - 401}

HEARING ON HB 398

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Brad Molnar

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 415 - 550; Comments :
continued on tape 2 side B}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Ed Parsons, Billings Rod and Gun

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 551 - 755}

Stan Frasier, Montana Wildlife and Federation

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 757 - 795}

Bill Holdore, Skyline Sportsmen and Anaconda

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 796 - 817}

John Gibson, President of Public Lands Access Association, Laurel Gun Club, Southeastern Sportsman

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 818 - 894}

Tony Schoonen, Public Lands Access and Statelands Coalition

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 897 - 947}

Paul Sihler, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 952 - 985}

EXHIBIT (fih28a05)

Opponents' Testimony:

John Mundinger, Montana Stockgrowers Association

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 992 - 043; Comments : continued on tape 3 side A}

John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 45 - 66}

Page Dringman, Montana Land Owners Alliance

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 67 - 92}

Rocco Carroccia, Self

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 95 - 111}

Informational Testimony: NONE

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 115 - 369}

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Brad Molnar

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 370 - 468}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

REP. DOUG WAGNER, Chairman

MIKELL JOHNSON, Secretary

DW/MJ

EXHIBIT (fih28aad)