

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on February 1, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. George Golie, Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Scott Sales, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 235, 1/20/2005; HB 260,
1/20/2005; HB 272, 1/20/2005; HB
337, 1/20/2005

Executive Action: HB 79; HB 312; HB 208; HB 298

HEARING ON HB 260

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:19 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, opened the hearing
on HB 260, Water-based recreational access
purchase and funding.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:22 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish Wildlife &
Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:31 Kris Gagnon, Billings, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a04\)](#)

00:32:38 David Gulbrandson, Billings, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a05\)](#)

00:37:04 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:41:13 Nathan Birekland, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:41:31 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
of Montana

00:42:17 Mary Alice Chester, Resident, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a06\)](#)

00:43:25 JoAnne Thun, Kayak Instructors and Boating
Instructors

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:36 REP. CLARK

00:50:02 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

00:50:40 Doug Monger, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

00:51:03 REP. WARDEN

00:53:27 REP. KOOPMAN

00:54:48 REP. CLARK

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:14 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, closed the hearing
on HB 260.

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:23 **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, opened the hearing on **HB 235**, Enhance hunter management laws--Private Land/Public Wildlife Council recommendations.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:39 **SEN. KEN HANSON, SD 17**

01:16:37 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a10\)](#)

01:18:08 George A. Bettas, Private Land/Public Wildlife Council, Stevensville

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a11\)](#)

01:22:37 Dan Walker, Private Land/Public Wildlife Council

01:27:59 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:46 **REP. MILBURN**

01:31:38 **REP. KOOPMAN**

01:38:00 **REP. ROBERTS**

01:40:31 **REP. FACEY**

01:43:17 **REP. CLARK**

01:47:39 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:25 **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, closed the hearing on **HB 235**.

01:51:57 Break

02:04:12 Resume

HEARING ON HB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:04:32 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39**, opened the hearing on **HB 272**, Half-priced hunting licenses to certain disabled veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:07:23 Lena Belcourt, Governor's Health and Policy
Advisor
02:08:08 June Hermanson, Montanans with Disabilities for
Equal Access
02:08:51 Joe Tropila, Senator, SD 13

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:09:29 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife &
Parks

EXHIBIT(fih25a12)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:12:06 REP. WARD
02:12:56 REP. DRISCOLL

Closing by Sponsor:

02:14:07 REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39 closed the hearing
on HB 272.

HEARING ON HB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:14:54 REP. LARRY JENT (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on
HB 337, Appropriate funds for game warden trainee
program.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:18:21 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks
EXHIBIT(fih25a13)
02:19:29 Megan Dumas, Associated Students of Montana State
University, Bozeman
02:20:18 Jessica Grenran, Associated Students of University
of Montana, Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:20:57 REP. ROBERTS
02:21:40 REP. GROESBECK
02:22:03 Randy Arnold, Previous Game Warden Trainee
02:23:27 REP. KOOPMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:36 **REP. LARRY JENT (D)**, HD 64 closed the hearing on
HB 337.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79

02:27:59 Chairman Golie passes Chairman responsibilities to
Vice Chair Clark

02:28:26 Motion: **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 79 DO PASS.
EXHIBIT(fih25a14)

02:28:58 Motion: **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 79 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:29:15 Doug Sternberg

02:30:38 **REP. GOLIE**

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

02:32:02 Motion: **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 79 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:32:30 **REP. FACEY**

02:34:59 **REP. CLARK**

02:35:38 Vote: Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with **REP.**
KOOPMAN voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 312

02:36:13 Motion: **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 312 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:36:35 **REP. GOLIE**

02:37:24 **REP. SALES**

02:45:14 Motion: **REP. SALES** moved that HB 312 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:39:00 REP. GOLIE
02:39:55 REP. BROWN
02:40:14 REP. GOLIE
02:40:24 REP. WARD
02:41:05 REP. GOLIE
02:41:24 REP. KOOPMAN
02:42:02 VICE CHAIR CLARK
02:42:20 REP. GOLIE
02:43:05 REP. ROBERTS
02:43:32 REP. GROESBECK
02:44:59 REP. FACEY
02:45:24 REP. MILBURN
02:46:32 REP. HAMILTON
02:47:09 REP. COHENOUR
02:48:45 REP. SALES
02:49:30 REP. CLARK

02:50:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with REPS. BALLYEAT, BROWN, EVERETT, KLOCK, KOOPMAN, MILBURN, ROBERTS, SALES, WARD, and WARDEN voting aye.

02:51:03 **Motion:** REP. GOLIE moved that HB 312 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:51:45 REP. COHENOUR
02:52:33 REP. BROWN
02:52:54 REP. ROBERTS
02:53:15 REP. CLARK

02:54:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with REPS. KOOPMAN and WARD voting no.

02:55:52 REP. GOLIE resumed his position as Chairman.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 208

02:55:16 **Motion:** REP. CLARK moved that HB 208 DO PASS.

02:55:29 **Motion:** REP. BROWN moved that HB 208 BE AMENDED.
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a15\)](#)

Discussion:

02:56:58 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division
03:00:11 **REP. CLARK**
03:01:08 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division
03:01:59 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**
03:03:10 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife &
Parks
03:03:54 **REP. FACEY**
03:05:32 **REP. BROWN**

03:06:03 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

03:06:23 **Motion/Vote: REP. BROWN moved that HB 208 DO PASS
AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice
vote.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 298

03:07:28 **Motion: REP. CLARK moved that HB 298 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:07:41 **REP. CLARK**
03:08:38 **REP. KOOPMAN**

03:09:05 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

ADJOURNMENT

03:09:56

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih25aad0.PDF](#))