

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on February 3, 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. Arlene Becker (D)
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. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, 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: HB 390, 1/25/2005; HB 394,
1/25/2005; HB 423, 1/25/2005
Executive Action: HB 337; HB 390

HEARING ON HB 423

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:52 REP. WAYNE STAHL (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on
HB 423, Provide grant funding for great plains
dinosaur park in Malta.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:47 Nate Murphy, President and Director Paleontology,
Judith River Foundation and Curator, Phillips
County Museum

00:15:07 SEN. STAN KITZENBERG, SD 18

[EXHIBIT\(fih27a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih27a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:19:44 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife &
Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih27a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:28 REP. WARD

00:22:53 REP. HAMILTON

00:23:17 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

00:28:28 REP. KOOPMAN

00:34:22 REP. FACEY

00:35:54 REP. GROESBECK

00:38:36 REP. WARD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:31 REP. WAYNE STAHL (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on
HB 423.

HEARING ON HB 394

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:39 REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13, opened the hearing on
HB 394, Protect fish and wildlife during state
permitting process.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:49 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
EXHIBIT (fih27a04)
00:52:35 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited
01:00:26 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
of Montana
01:02:14 Nathan Birkeland, Montana Wildlife Federation
01:03:01 Julia Page, Gardner, Northern Plains Resource
Council
01:05:10 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information
Center
01:06:07 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:07:25 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association
(WETA)
EXHIBIT (fih27a05)
01:09:03 Michael Kakuk, Attorney, Montana Association of
Realtors, Montana Builders Association, Montana
Contractors Association, and The Western
Environmental Trade Association (WETA)
01:20:29 Ed Bartlett, Attorney, Golden Sunlight Mine
01:22:17 Carey Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association
01:25:40 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation,
Montana Stock Growers Association
01:27:44 Bud Clinch, Executive Director, Montana Coal
Council
01:29:39 Angela Janacaro, Montana Mining Association
01:33:19 Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association
01:33:50 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
01:34:21 Gail Abercrombie, Executive Director, Montana
Petroleum Association

Informational Testimony:

01:35:44 Tim Reardon, Chief Legal Council, Department of
Transportation
01:37:38 Tom Butler, Legal Council, Department of Natural
Resources and Conservation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:44 **REP. NOONAN**
01:43:25 **REP. FACEY**
01:46:46 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**
01:50:59 **REP. COHENOUR**
01:53:16 **REP. KOOPMAN**
01:56:12 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:48 **REP. PAUL CLARK (D), HD 13**, closed the hearing on
HB 394.

02:00:28 Break

02:18:17 Resume

HEARING ON HB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:18:46 **REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86**, opened the hearing on
HB 390, Designate state insect.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:21:43 Via Videotape ~ Great Falls 5th grade class

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:31:32 **REP. DRISCOLL**

02:32:41 **REP. CLARK**

02:33:16 **REP. GROESBECK**

02:33:53 **REP. COHENOUR**

Closing by Sponsor:

02:34:06 **REP. DAN VILLA (D), HD 86**, closed the hearing on
HB 390.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 337

02:34:51 **Motion:** **REP. JENT** moved that HB 337 DO PASS.

02:35:22 **Motion:** **REP. JENT** moved that HB 337 BE AMENDED.
[EXHIBIT](#)(fih27a06)

Discussion:

02:35:39 **REP. JENT**

02:36:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:36:34 **Motion:** **REP. JENT** moved that HB 337 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:36:45 **REP. SALES**
02:38:08 **REP. COHENOUR**
02:39:03 **REP. KOOPMAN**
02:40:51 **REP. JENT**

02:42:45 **Vote:** **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 390

02:44:01 **Motion:** **REP. FACEY moved that HB 390 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:44:13 **REP. CLARK**

02:44:38 **Vote:** **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

02:45:19

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih27aad0.PDF](#))