

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on March 1, 2005 at
4:00 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. 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: Rep. Larry Jent (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 487, 2/22/2005; HB 514,
2/22/2005; HB 597, 2/22/2005
Executive Action: HB 272; HB 421; HB 34

HEARING ON HB 514

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:38 REP. GAIL GUTSCHE (D), HD 99, opened the hearing
on HB 514, Increase restitution for illegal taking
of grizzly bear.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:53 Tom France, Director, Northern Rockies Office,
National Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fih45a01\)](#)

00:09:26 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih45a02\)](#)

00:13:02 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fih45a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:44 REP. BROWN

00:17:40 REP. MILBURN

00:20:07 REP. WARD

00:23:18 REP. KOOPMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:59 REP. GAIL GUTSCHE (D), HD 99, closed the hearing
on HB 514.

HEARING ON HB 597

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:07 REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on
HB 597, Revise nonresident eligibility for hunting
and fishing licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:29 Jim Mockler, Executive Director, Montana Coal
Council

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:33:16 Jim Kropp, Chief of Enforcement, Montana
Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (fih45a04)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:13 REP. WARD
00:36:49 REP. CLARK
00:39:50 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:46 REP. ALAN OLSON (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on
HB 597.

HEARING ON HB 487

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:50 REP. DAVE GALLIK (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on
HB 487, Increase penalties for fishing and hunting
violations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:47 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (fih45a05)

00:50:50 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

00:51:58 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
Association
00:54:35 Robert A. Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:32 REP. WARDEN
00:57:00 REP. EVERETT
00:58:30 REP. KOOPMAN
01:03:16 REP. WARD

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:30 **REP. DAVE GALLIK (D)**, HD 79 closed the hearing on
HB 487.

01:07:45 Chairman Golie passes Chairman responsibilities to
Vice Chair Clark

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 421

01:07:58 **Motion:** **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 421 DO PASS.

01:08:21 **Motion:** **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 421 BE AMENDED.
EXHIBIT(fih45a06)

Vote: Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with **REP.**
WARD voting no and **REPS. FACEY** and **JENT** voting by
proxy.

01:10:15 **Motion:** **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 421 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:11:37 **REP. BROWN**

01:12:20 **REP. KOOPMAN**

01:13:36 **REP. GOLIE**

01:14:45 **REP. WARD**

01:16:24 **REP. MILBURN**

01:16:47 **REP. EVERETT**

01:17:07 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division

01:17:57 **VICE CHAIR CLARK**

01:19:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with
REPS. BALYEAT, EVERETT, KOOPMAN, MILBURN, SALES,
WARD, and **WARDEN** voting no with **REPS. FACEY** and
JENT voting by proxy.

01:20:26 Chairman Golie assumed Committee Chair
responsibilities

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272

01:20:59 **Motion:** **REP. BROWN** moved that HB 272 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:21:32 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division
EXHIBIT(fih45a07)

01:23:17 **Motion:** **REP. DRISCOLL** moved that HB 272 BE
AMENDED.

01:24:20 Rep. Facey arrives at committee meeting

Discussion:

01:26:05 REP. KOOPMAN

01:28:00 REP. WARD

01:28:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
with REP. JENT voting by proxy.

01:29:05 **Motion:** REP. DRISCOLL moved that HB 272 DO PASS
AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:29:15 REP. FACEY

01:29:55 REP. CLARK

01:31:30 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Department of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks

01:32:19 REP. BECKER

01:34:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by roll call vote with
REP. BECKER and REP. WARD voting no and REP. JENT
voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 34

01:35:17 **Motion:** REP. BROWN moved that HB 34 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:35:28 REP. BROWN

01:36:09 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

01:36:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
with REP. JENT voting by proxy.

01:37:37

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih45aad0.PDF](#))