

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on January 18, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 76, 1/7/2005; SB 186, 1/7/2005;
SB 91, 1/7/2005
Executive Action: SB 63, SB 126, SB 186, SB 76

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JESSE LASLOVICH (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 76, Allow limited development of Lost Creek state park for camp host pad.

00:03:25

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Doug Monger, Fish Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:06:15

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:21

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:57

HEARING ON SB 186

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. JOE BALYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 186, Allow certain prize contests based on size of game animals taken by hunters.

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis13a09\)](#)

00:25:18

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Bill Reiner Jr., Outdoor Show Organizer

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:28:10

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:29:00

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:41

HEARING ON SB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. FRANK SMITH (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 91, Allocation of special wild buffalo licenses to Montana Indian tribes.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

00:32:09

Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. Mike Mease, Resident, West Yellowstone

00:33:41

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis13a10)

00:38:12

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:34

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 63

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 63 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion/Vote: SEN. RYAN moved that SB 63 BE AMENDED. Motion failed 1-8 with SEN. RYAN voting aye.

Motion/Vote: SEN. RYAN moved that SB 63 BE TABLED. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote.

01:01:35

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that SB 126 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that SB 126 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that SB 126 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that SB 126 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

01:06:00

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 186

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 186 DO PASS. Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with RYAN voting no.

01:09:24

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 76

Motion/Vote: SEN. BARKUS moved that SB 76 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

JT/AG

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis13aad0.PDF](#))