

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 31, 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. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Don Ryan (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Chris Lohse, 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 423, 3/28/2005; HB 707,
3/28/2005; HB 173, 3/28/2005; HB
235 3/28/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 423

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

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

[EXHIBIT\(fis68a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis68a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:02 SEN. SAM KITZENBERG, SD 18, GLASGOW

Opponents' Testimony:

00:16:18 Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and
Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fis68a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None.

00:20:34

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Mr. Doug Monger, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

00:39:36

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:07

HEARING ON HB 707

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GEORGE GROESBECK (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 707,
Revise compensation for FWP license agents.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:38 Mr. Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife
and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fis68a04\)](#)

00:51:54 Mr. Art Keeler, License Agent, Capital Sports

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01:16:41 **Mr. Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife and
Parks**

EXHIBIT(fis68a06)

01:21:53 **Ms. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
Association**

01:24:13 **Mr. Paul Roos, Private Land/Public Wildlife**

EXHIBIT(fis68a07)

EXHIBIT(fis68a08)

01:25:55 **Mr. Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

01:27:41

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. HANSEN will carry **HB 235** on the Senate Floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis68aad0.PDF](#))