

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BALYEAT**, on January 23, 2003 at 3:31 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Balyeat, Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Michael Lange, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Carol Gibson (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Pat Wagman (R)
Rep. Sandy Weiss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Video-Taped Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 20, 1/9/2003; HB 221, 1/16/2003;
HB 254, 1/16/2003; HB 352,
1/17/2003

Executive Action: None.

3:32 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

EXHIBIT (fih14a01)

HEARING ON HB 352

Sponsor: REP. LASZLOFFY, HD 22, ANTELOPE

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:33 p.m. REP. LASZLOFFY

Proponents' Testimony:

3:35 p.m. John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club

3:36 p.m. Greg Munther, Montana Bowhunters Association

3:36 p.m. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

3:36 p.m. Stan Frazier, Helena

EXHIBIT (fih14a02)

Opponents' Testimony:

3:39 p.m. Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of
Montana

EXHIBIT (fih14a03)

3:41 p.m. Bob Gilbert, Montana Walleyes Unlimited

3:43 p.m. Jean Johnson, Montana Guide and Outfitters Association

Informational Testimony

3:46 p.m. John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:47 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**

3:47 p.m. **Jeff Hagener, Director of Fish, Wildlife and Parks**

3:48 p.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

3:49 p.m. **REP. LASZLOFFY**

3:50 p.m. **REP. BALYEAT**

3:51 p.m. **Bob Gilbert**

3:51 p.m. **REP. GUTSCHE**

3:52 p.m. **REP. LASZLOFFY**

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3:53 p.m. **REP. GUTSCHE**

3:54 p.m. **REP. LASZLOFFY**

3:54 p.m. **REP. JENT**

3:55 p.m. **REP. LASZLOFFY**

3:57 p.m. **REP. COHENOUR**

3:57 p.m. **Jeff Hagener**

3:58 p.m. **CHAIRMAN BALYEAT**

3:58 p.m. **REP. LASZLOFFY**

3:59 p.m. **REP. CLARK**

3:59 p.m. **REP. LASZLOFFY**

Closing by Sponsor:

4:00 p.m. **REP. LASZLOFFY**

HEARING ON HB 221

Sponsor: REP. KAUFMANN, HD 53, HELENA

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:01 p.m. REP. KAUFMANN

Proponents' Testimony:

4:04 p.m. Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

4:05 p.m. Stan Frazier, Helena

4:06 p.m. John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club

Opponents' Testimony:

4:07 p.m. Bob Gilbert, Montana Walleyes Unlimited

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:09 p.m. REP. LANGE

EXHIBIT (fih14a04)

4:10 p.m. REP. LANGE

4:11 p.m. REP. KAUFMANN

4:12 p.m. REP. BARRETT

4:12 p.m. REP. KAUFMANN

4:13 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

4:13 p.m. REP. KAUFMANN

4:15 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

4:15 p.m. REP. KAUFMANN

4:16 p.m. REP. BALYEAT

4:16 p.m. REP. KAUFMANN

4:16 p.m. REP. CLARK

4:16 p.m. **REP. KAUFMANN**

4:18 p.m. **REP. WEISS**

4:18 p.m. **Jeff Hagener**

4:18 p.m. **Doug Monger**

4:20 p.m. **REP. CLARK**

4:20 p.m. **Doug Monger**

4:21 p.m. **REP. CLARK**

4:21 p.m. **Doug Monger**

4:22 p.m. **REP. CLARK**

4:22 p.m. **Doug Monger**

Closing by Sponsor:

4:22 p.m. **REP. KAUFMANN**

HEARING ON HB 254

Sponsor: **REP. HEDGES, HD 97, ANTELOPE**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:23 p.m. **REP. HEDGES**

Proponents' Testimony:

4:26 p.m. **Joe Lamson, Office of Public Instruction**

Opponents' Testimony:

4:26 p.m. **Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks**

EXHIBIT (fih14a05)

4:31 p.m. **John Gibson, Billings Rod and Gun Club**

4:32 p.m. **John Wilson, Trout Unlimited of Montana**

4:35 p.m. **Greg Munther, Montana Bowhunters Association**

4:37 p.m. Bob Gilbert, Montana Walleyes Unlimited

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

4:37 p.m. REP. HEDGES

HEARING ON HB 20

Sponsor: REP. GOLIE, HD 44, GREAT FALLS

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

4:40 p.m. REP. GOLIE

Proponents' Testimony:

4:42 p.m. Darrick Godfrey, Mule Deer Foundation

EXHIBIT (fih14a06)

EXHIBIT (fih14a07)

EXHIBIT (fih14a08)

EXHIBIT (fih14a09)

4:47 p.m. Charlie Decker, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

EXHIBIT (fih14a10)

EXHIBIT (fih14a11)

4:48 p.m. Greg Munther, Montana Bowhunters Association

4:50 p.m. John Jay Willoughby, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

4:50 p.m. Jeff Hagener

EXHIBIT (fih14a12)

EXHIBIT (fih14a13)

EXHIBIT (fih14a14)

4:52 p.m. Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:53 p.m. **REP. CLARK**
4:54 p.m. **Greg Munther**
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4:59 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**
4:59 p.m. **Jeff Hagener**
5:00 p.m. **Glenn Erickson**
5:01 p.m. **REP. BARRETT**
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Closing by Sponsor:

5:03 p.m. **REP. GOLIE**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 P.M.

REP. JOE BALYEAT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (fih14aad)