

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on January 13, 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. 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. Larry Jent (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: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 81, 1/7/2005; HB 82, 1/7/2005;
HB 129, 1/7/2005; HB 225, 1/7/2005
Executive Action: HB 50, HB 131, HB 82, HB 81

HEARING ON HB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:35 **REP. JOAN ANDERSEN (R), HD 59**, opened the hearing on HB 129, Authorize no shooting zones for safety reasons on recreational streams.

[EXHIBIT\(fih09a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih09a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:10 Nancy Schlepp, Director of National Affairs & Assistant for State Governmental Relations, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:48 Tony Schoonen, Public Lands Access Federation
00:12:27 Kent Hanawalt, Park County Resident
00:13:31 Robert R. Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:14:37 Lorry Thomas, President, Anaconda Sportsmen's Club
00:15:00 Bill Holdorf, Skyline Sportsman Association
00:16:56 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih09a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: NONE.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:53 **REP. NOONAN**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:01 **REP. JOAN ANDERSEN (R), HD 59**, closed the hearing on HB 129.

HEARING ON HB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:16 **REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2**, opened the hearing on HB 225, Clarify constitutional right to hunt.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:46 **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT**
EXHIBIT (fih09a04)
00:36:03 Kent Hanawalt, Park County Resident
EXHIBIT (fih09a05)
00:40:38 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides
 Association

Opponents' Testimony: NONE.

Informational Testimony:

00:42:13 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Department of Fish,
 Wildlife & Parks
EXHIBIT (fih09a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:42 **REP. SALES**
00:46:30 **REP. CLARK**
00:47:43 **REP. JENT**
00:49:58 **REP. WARDEN**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:05 **REP. RICK MAEDJE (R), HD 2**, closed the hearing on
 HB 225.

00:53:42 Break
01:05:04 Resume

HEARING ON HB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:11 **REP. JOHN (JACK) ROSS (R), HD 60**, opened the
 hearing on HB 81, Remove termination date of
 supplemental game damage licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:00 Jeff Hagener, Direction of Montana Fish, Wildlife
 & Parks
EXHIBIT (fih09a07)
01:09:06 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association
01:10:20 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:10:35 Robert R. Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:11:35 REP. BROWN
01:14:38 REP. KOOPMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:58 REP. JOHN (JACK) ROSS (R), HD 60 closed the hearing on HB 81.

HEARING ON HB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:17:17 REP. JOHN (JACK) ROSS (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 82, Remove termination date of either-sex or antlerless elk permits for landowners.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:07 Jeff Hagener, Director of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (fih09a08)

01:20:45 Jay Bodner, Natural Resources Coordinator, Montana Stock Growers Association
01:21:14 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:21:26 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:22:03 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:44 REP. JOHN (JACK) ROSS (R), HD 60, closed the hearing on HB 82.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 50

01:23:15 **Motion:** REP. ROBERTS moved that HB 50 DO PASS.

01:23:40 **Motion:** REP. ROBERTS moved that HB 50 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (fih09a09)

01:24:59 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

01:26:14 By unanimous decision of the Committee, HB 50 was placed on Consent Calendar.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 131

01:28:47 **Motion/Vote:** REP. CLARK moved that HB 131 DO PASS. Motion carried by voice vote with REP. BROWN voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 174

01:30:10 **Motion:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 174 DO PASS.

01:31:06 **Motion:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 174 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:34:10 REP. BECKER
01:35:39 REP. NOONAN
01:36:44 REP. BROWN
01:37:42 REP. KLOCK
01:38:07 REP. FACEY
01:39:02 REP. COHENOUR

01:39:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by roll call vote with REPS. BECKER, GROESBECK, and NOONAN voting no.

01:40:43 **Motion:** REP. KOOPMAN moved that HB 174 BE AMENDED.

[EXHIBIT](#) (fih09a10)

Discussion:

01:44:30 REP. KOOPMAN
01:50:07 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

01:51:25 Without objection, the Committee agreed to hold HB 174 in committee until the Amendments are revised.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 82

01:52:52 **Motion/Vote:** REP. BROWN moved that HB 82 DO PASS. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

01:53:17 By unanimous decision of the committee, HB 82 was placed on the Consent Calendar.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 81

01:53:52 **Motion/Vote:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 81 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:54:49 **By unanimous decision of the committee, HB 81 was
placed on the Consent Calendar.**

01:58:29

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

GG/DP

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih09aad0.PDF](#))