

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on January 25, 2005 at 3:15 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 79, 1/14/2005; HB 208,
1/14/2005; HB 286, 1/14/2005; HB
242, 1/17/2005

Executive Action:

00:02:43 CHAIRMAN GOLIE passed Chairman responsibilities to
VICE CHAIR CLARK.

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:01 **REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20**, opened the hearing
on **HB 79**, Make the Habitat Montana program
permanent.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:53 Mike Volesky, Office of the Governor
00:05:08 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife &
Parks

EXHIBIT (fih19a01)

00:09:08 Marjorie Gray, Harris Land & Cattle Company,
Highwood, Montana
00:11:58 Jacquelyn Corday, Open Space Manager, City of
Missoula

EXHIBIT (fih19a02)

00:15:14 Stan Meyer, Great Falls, Previous Chair, Fish,
Wildlife & Parks Commission

EXHIBIT (fih19a03)

00:19:17 John Baucus, Rancher, Helena, Montana
00:21:21 Robert A. Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:21:53 Joelle Selk, Montana Bowhunters Association
00:23:17 Fred Easy, Prickly Pear Sportsman Association
00:25:11 Roger Peters, Dragging Y Cattle Company, Horse
Prairie, Montana
00:26:32 Land Tawney, Missoula, National Wildlife
Association
00:28:02 Brian Kahn, Artemis Common Ground
00:28:30 Robert Lucas, Big Sky Upland Bird Association,
Missoula

EXHIBIT (fih19a04)

EXHIBIT (fih19a05)

EXHIBIT (fih19a06)

EXHIBIT (fih19a07)

EXHIBIT (fih19a08)

00:30:04 Ethel MacDonald, Missoula, Missoula Open Space
Advisory Committee

EXHIBIT (fih19a09)

00:32:32 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

00:32:41 Paul Sihler, Helena resident
[EXHIBIT \(fih19a10\)](#)
00:34:40 Glenn Hockett, Gallatin Wildlife Association
00:35:05 Jack Puckett, Big Sky Upland Bird Association
[EXHIBIT \(fih19a11\)](#)
[EXHIBIT \(fih19a12\)](#)
00:35:58 Joe Gutkoski, Montana River Action
00:36:17 Bud Holste, Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife
Association
00:36:35 Tony Schoonen, Public Lands Access
00:36:46 Leroy Mehring, President, Skyline Sportsman
Association, Butte
00:37:06 Chris Christiaens, Producer Farmer/Families in
Montana
00:37:33 Will Patric, Belgrade resident
00:37:42 Bill Holdorf, Director, Skyline Sportsman
Association, Butte
00:38:09 Larry F. Thomas, Anaconda, President, Anaconda
Sportsman

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:06 **REP. KOOPMAN**
00:44:54 **REP. MILBURN**
00:47:38 **REP. BROWN**

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:03 **REP. GEORGE GOLIE (D), HD 20** closed the hearing on
HB 79.
00:53:56 CHAIRMAN GOLIE assumed Chairman responsibilities.
00:54:11 Break
01:07:57 Resume

HEARING ON HB 286

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:16 **REP. WAYNE STAHL (R), HD 35,** opened the hearing on
HB 286, Remove prairie dogs from list of nongame
species in need of management.

[EXHIBIT \(fih19a13\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:39 Gary S. Marbut, President, Montana Shooting Sports Association

EXHIBIT (fih19a14)

01:17:54 Fred Easy, Helena, Prickly Pear Sportsman Association

01:19:10 Bob Davies, Bozeman resident

01:20:07 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

01:21:11 Douglas Nulle, Attorney (retired), Clancy resident

Opponents' Testimony:

01:22:27 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT (fih19a15)

01:26:36 Sterling Miller, Wildlife Biologist, National Wildlife Federation, Missoula

EXHIBIT (fih19a16)

01:31:45 Shawn Regnerus, Predator Conservation Alliance, Bozeman

EXHIBIT (fih19a17)

01:34:39 Cortland Barnes, World Wildlife Funds, Bozeman

01:38:16 Mat Millenbach, Billings

EXHIBIT (fih19a18)

01:40:30 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

01:42:08 Stan Frasier, Helena Resident

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:43:36 **REP. SALES**

01:44:54 **REP. CLARK**

01:47:34 **REP. EVERETT**

01:51:08 **REP. KOOPMAN**

01:54:11 **REP. NOONAN**

01:58:18 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:59:03 **REP. WAYNE STAHL (R)**, HD 35 closed the hearing on HB 286.

HEARING ON HB 208

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:01:10 **REP. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D)**, HD 81, opened the hearing on **HB 208**, Revise FWP right-of-way acquisition and property conveyance law.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:04:23 Jeff Hagener, Director of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT \(fih19a19\)](#)

02:08:34 Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

02:09:44 Bill Myers, Bayside Park and Marine Center,
Bigfork

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:14:43 **REP. EVERETT**

02:16:25 **REP. BECKER**

02:17:32 **REP. BROWN**

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:39 **REP. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D), HD 81**, closed hearing
on HB 208.

HEARING ON HB 242

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:20:22 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39**, opened the hearing
on **HB 242**, Age waiver for hunting license for
terminally ill youth.

[EXHIBIT \(fih19a20\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

02:24:11 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana, Fish Wildlife &
Parks

[EXHIBIT \(fih19a21\)](#)

02:26:32 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters & Guides
Association

[EXHIBIT \(fih19a22\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:29:48 **REP. WARDEN**

Closing by Sponsor:

02:31:44 **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39** closed the hearing
on HB 242.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

GG/DP

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih19aad0.PDF](#))