

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 16, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Rick Jore (C)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 115, 1/10/2007; HB 171,
1/11/2007; HB 226, 1/11/2007
Executive Action: HB 38; HB 71

HEARING ON HB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:34 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB
226, Revise replacement license law.

[EXHIBIT\(fih10a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:41 Jean Johnson, representing Montana Game Wardens
Association
00:07:20 Jason Snyder, Game Warden, Great Falls, testifying
on behalf of the Montana Game Wardens Association
00:09:35 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish, Montana
Wildlife & Parks Department

[EXHIBIT\(fih10a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih10a03\)](#)

00:13:05 Scott Chehock, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:45 Ted Washburn, resident, Bozeman, Montana, previous
Wildlife Enforcement Officer from New York

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:55 Rep. Hendrick
00:16:56 Rep. Peterson
00:25:42 Rep. Hilbert
00:28:26 Rep. Vincent
00:30:51 Rep. Koopman
00:40:16 Rep. VanDyk
00:42:24 Rep. Vincent
00:46:48 Rep. Barrett
00:51:40 Rep. Milburn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:26 Rep. Jill Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:15 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 115, Revise publication requirements for hunting and fishing regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:56:34 Larry Peterman, Chief of Field Operations, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department

EXHIBIT (fih10a04)

00:58:44 Rep. Branae left the hearing

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:37 Rep. VanDyk

01:07:22 Rep. Hilbert

01:08:48 Rep. Phillips

01:10:54 Rep. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:36 Rep. Jill Cohenour

01:14:49 Break

01:28:50 Resume

HEARING ON HB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:29:00 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 171, One-time deferral of hunter education for first-time hunter.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:36 Robert Throssel, representing Montana Wildlife Federation
01:35:23 Jean Johnson, representing Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
01:35:50 Larry Peterman, Chief of Field Operations, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Department

EXHIBIT (fih10a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:47 Rep. Cordier
01:41:02 Rep. Koopman
01:43:06 Rep. Hilbert
01:45:28 Rep. Peterson
01:47:22 Rep. Phillips

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:30 Rep. Robin Hamilton

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38

01:51:36 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 38 DO PASS.**

01:52:03 **Motion:** Rep. Barrett moved that **HB 38 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT (fih10a06)

01:52:40 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services

Discussion:

01:56:59 Rep. Groesbeck

01:58:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Peterson, Jore and Branae voting by proxy.

01:59:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ward moved that **HB 38 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Peterson, Jore and Branae voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 71

02:00:29 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 71 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT (fih10a07)

02:01:18 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 71 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:01:42 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division

02:02:36 Rep. Branae arrived at hearing

02:03:28 Rep. Becker

02:06:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with
Reps. Peterson and Jore voting by proxy.

02:06:34 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 71 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:06:46 Rep. Koopman

02:09:54 Rep. Groesbeck

02:12:04 Rep. Phillips

02:12:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Reps.
Hendrick, Hilbert, Jore, Koopman, and Peterson voting
no and Reps. Peterson and Jore voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih10aad.pdf](#))