

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Mike Milburn, on January 23, 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. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Rick Jore (C)  
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. Ernie Dutton (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, 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 193, 1/16/2007; HB 284,  
1/17/2007; HR 2, 1/17/2007

00:03:36 Chairman Milburn announced the Committee would have a short presentation on wolf delisting  
00:04:00 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)  
00:04:52 Mitch King, Regional Director, U.S. Fish Wildlife Service, Denver  
00:09:01 Chairman Milburn  
00:10:23 Rep. Phillips  
00:16:32 Rep. Hilbert  
00:19:55 Rep. Koopman  
00:23:43 Chairman Milburn

**HEARING ON HB 284**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:36 Rep. Shannon Augare (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 284, Fund improvement at state park - agreement with Little Shell Tribe to maintain.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:38 James Parker Shield, Vice Chair, Little Shell Chippewa Tribe  
00:34:57 Joe Maurier, Administrator, Parks Division, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**[EXHIBIT \(fih15a01\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:58 Rep. Hilbert  
00:38:48 Chairman Milburn  
00:40:30 Rep. Phillips  
00:40:56 Rep. Peterson  
00:48:10 Rep. Hendrick  
00:49:23 Rep. Becker  
00:51:23 Rep. Jore  
00:53:24 Rep. Barrett  
00:55:35 Rep. Koopman  
00:58:08 Rep. Peterson  
00:59:42 Chairman Milburn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:02:21 Rep. Shannon Augare

01:05:32 Break

01:19:26 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 193**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:19:47 Rep. Bill Nooney (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 193, Revise laws for disabled hunters/hunting allowed from off-highway vehicles.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:22:33 Don Jones, Staff Attorney, Montana Advocacy Program

01:26:52 Scott Birkenboel, Bozeman, Board of Directors, Montana Independent Living Project, Helena and Access Montana Outdoors

01:28:31 Bob Wilson, Missoula, representing High Point Outdoor Adventures

01:30:36 Darell Harris, avid hunter

01:33:27 Jerry Neidhardt, Hamilton, avid hunter

01:36:02 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

**EXHIBIT (fih15a02)**

01:36:58 Doug Nulle, retired Attorney, Clancy resident

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:38:38 Rep. Phillips

01:39:11 Rep. Ward

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:40:14 Rep. Bill Nooney

**HEARING ON HR 2**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:41:41 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HR 2, Designate celebrate Montana day.

**EXHIBIT (fih15a03)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:47:21 Rep. Van Dyk

01:48:53 Rep. Branae

01:49:35 Rep. Peterson

01:49:57 Rep. Phillips

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:50:30 Rep. Pat Ingraham

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fih15aad.pdf](#))**