

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on March 6, 2007 at 3:20 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 38, 2/27/2007; HB 115,
2/27/2007; HB 226, 2/27/2007
Executive Action: HB 38, HB 115, HB 226

HEARING ON HB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:01 **REP. BILL MCCHESENEY (D), HD 40**, opened the hearing on **HB 38**, Increase authority for reduced license price for game management.

Proponents:

00:00:58 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT (fis47a01)

00:03:45 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:04:23 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:07 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:10:51 Sen. Barkus to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:11:18 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:33 Rep. Mcchesney

HEARING ON HB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:11 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78**, opened the hearing on **HB 115**, Revise publication requirements for hunting and fishing regulations.

Proponents:

00:13:48 Jeff Hagener, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis47a02)

00:17:15 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:01 Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:37 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78**, opened the hearing on **HB 226**, Revise replacement license law.

EXHIBIT(fis47a03)

Proponents:

00:21:47 Jeff Hagener, Director, FWP

EXHIBIT(fis47a04)

00:26:26 Jean Johnson, Montana Game Wardens Association and Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

00:27:37 Robert Throssell, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:33 Sen. Balyeat to Jeff Hagener, FWP

00:29:29 Sen. Balyeat to Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, FWP

00:32:12 Sen. Tash to Jim Kropp, Chief Law Enforcement, FWP

00:33:18 Sen. Jent to Jim Kropp, FWP

00:36:18 Sen. Bales to Jim Kropp, FWP

00:37:13 Sen. Balyeat to Jim Kropp, FWP

00:38:32 Sen. Balyeat to Jim Hagener, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:27 Sen. Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38

00:43:15 **Motion:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 38 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:43:26 Sen. Balyeat

00:43:38 **Vote:** Motion that HB 38 BE CONCURRED IN carried
unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115

00:43:50 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 115 BE
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226

00:44:17 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. GALLUS moved that HB 226 BE
CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 P.M.

SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fis47aad.pdf](#))