

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chairman Kendall Van Dyk, on February 3, 2009 at 3:01 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Dave McAlpin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, 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 172, HB 337, HB 346, HB 382

Executive Action: None.

00:01:25 Rep. McAlpin arrived

HEARING ON HB 382

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:54 Rep. Robin Hamilton (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on
HB 382, Hunter mentoring for certain hunters.

00:02:37 Rep. Pomnichowski arrived.

00:04:36 Rep. Milburn arrived.

[EXHIBIT \(fih25a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:21 Isaac Welch, self

00:10:24 Steve Gray, Families Afield Coalition

[EXHIBIT \(fih25a02\)](#)

00:15:51 Sean Lawlor, self

00:18:40 Aine Lawlor, self

00:21:01 Mac Minard, self

[EXHIBIT \(fih25a03\)](#)

00:27:23 Brodie Grundel, National Wild Turkey Federation -
Montana State Chapter

[EXHIBIT \(fih25a04\)](#)

00:28:36 Mary Ellen Schnur, self

[EXHIBIT \(fih25a05\)](#)

00:33:48 George Cobb, Safari Club International

00:35:07 Robert Sanders, Ducks Unlimited

00:37:59 Chris Fortune, National Wild Turkey Federation

00:41:48 Brian Judy, National Rifle Association (NRA)

[EXHIBIT \(fih25a06\)](#)

00:45:04 Barry McDonald, National Wild Turkey Federation

00:46:13 Aeric Reilly, self

00:47:00 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:48:55 Rodger Hoyd, self

00:51:56 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:55:54 Ron Moody, self

[EXHIBIT \(fih25a07\)](#)

01:02:41 Joe Yioman, self

01:06:04 Betty Tiddy, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a08\)](#)

01:09:28 Bill Tiddy, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a09\)](#)

01:13:00 Charles Houk, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a10\)](#)

01:16:46 Michael Sherrard, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a11\)](#)

01:24:53 Don Hedinger, self

Informational Testimony:

01:31:02 Ron Aasheim, Administrator, Conservation Education

Division, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a12\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:32:24 Rep. Miller

01:32:45 Rep. Hamilton

01:33:17 Rep. Washburn

01:33:41 Mr. Aasheim

01:33:53 Rep. Washburn

01:34:00 Mr. Aasheim

01:34:15 Rep. Washburn

01:34:19 Mr. Aasheim

01:34:33 Rep. Washburn

01:34:40 Mr. Aasheim

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:50 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 172

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:37:54 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 172, Provisional hunter safety certificate for persons with disabilities.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a13\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:48:11 Jonathan Peart, Eagle Mount

01:51:45 Kirk Schinler, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a14\)](#)

01:54:02 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living

01:54:50 Sue Vinton, self

01:57:05 Sam Crawford, Eagle Mount

01:58:27 Mike Vinton, self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a15\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:03:49 Mr. Aasheim

02:04:56 Mr. Moody

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:21 Rep. Barrett

02:07:07 Rep. Arntzen

02:07:13 Rep. Miller

02:07:32 Rep. Arntzen

02:08:00 Rep. Peterson

02:08:58 Rep. Arntzen

02:10:08 Rep. Peterson

02:10:36 Rep. Arntzen

Closing by Sponsor:

02:11:05 Rep. Arntzen

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a16\)](#)

02:13:32 Break

02:19:30 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:20:00 Rep. Ron Stoker (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 346, Senior citizen may take cow elk with bull tag.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:22:44 Mr. Golie

Informational Testimony:

02:24:54 Jim Kropp, Chief, Enforcement Division, Department of
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

EXHIBIT (fih25a17)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:27:13 Rep. Welborn
02:27:28 Rep. Miller
02:27:47 Mr. Golie
02:27:50 Rep. Miller
02:27:58 Mr. Golie
02:28:12 Rep. Peterson
02:28:52 Mr. Kropp
02:29:34 Rep. Peterson
02:29:44 Mr. Kropp
02:29:52 Rep. Peterson
02:30:24 Rep. Washburn
02:30:53 Mr. Kropp
02:31:16 Rep. Washburn
02:31:30 Mr. Kropp
02:31:42 Rep. Washburn
02:31:54 Mr. Kropp
02:32:13 Rep. Barrett
02:32:26 Rep. Peterson
02:33:13 Mr. Kropp
02:33:20 Rep. Cohenour
02:33:50 Mr. Golie
02:35:02 Rep. Washburn
02:35:39 Mr. Kropp
02:36:28 Rep. Washburn
02:36:40 Mr. Kropp

Closing by Sponsor:

02:37:14 Rep. Stoker

HEARING ON HB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:40:50 Rep. Anders Blewett (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on
HB 337, Authorize gift certificates for all FWP
licenses and permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:42:30 Mr. Golie
02:43:03 Mr. Aasheim

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:44:04 Rep. Peterson
02:44:35 Mr. Aasheim
02:45:04 Rep. Pomnichowski
02:45:27 Mr. Aasheim
02:45:39 Hank Warsech, License Bureau Chief, Department of Fish,
Wildlife, and Parks
02:46:11 Chairman Van Dyk
02:46:18 Mr. Warsech
02:46:26 Rep. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

02:46:52 Rep. Blewett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 203

02:49:13 **Motion:** Rep. Washburn moved that **HB 203 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:49:29 Chairman Van Dyk
02:50:01 Rep. McAlpin
02:50:18 Rep. Peterson called the question.
02:50:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-4 by voice vote with Rep. Boniek, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Phillips, and Rep. Pomnichowski voting no. Rep. Milburn, Rep. Miller and Rep. Boland voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223

02:51:50 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 203 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:52:00 Rep. Cohenour
02:52:51 Rep. Peterson
02:53:37 Rep. Cohenour
02:54:00 Rep. Smith
02:54:26 Rep. Cohenour
02:54:55 Rep. Hendrick
02:55:12 Rep. Cohenour
02:55:24 Mr. Sternberg
02:58:33 Rep. Cohenour
02:58:48 Mr. Kropp
02:59:25 Rep. Hendrick
02:59:47 Mr. Kropp
02:59:49 Rep. Boniek
03:00:25 Rep. Peterson

03:01:09 Rep. Washburn called the question.

03:01:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Milburn, Rep. Miller, and Rep. Boland voted aye
by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 296

03:01:58 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 296 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:02:18 Rep. Cohenour
03:02:44 Rep. Peterson

03:03:19 Rep. Cohenour called the question.

03:03:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with
Rep. Milburn, Rep. Miller, and Rep. Boland voting by
proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:05 P.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT ([fih25aad.pdf](#))