

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chairman Kendall Van Dyk, on February 10, 2009 at 3:04 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Paul Beck (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Cary Smith (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)

Staff Present: Bryce Bennett, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 51; HB 383; HB 330

Executive Action: HJ 10; HB 317; HB 74; HB 366

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 10

00:01:18 **Motion:** Rep. Phillips moved that **HJ 10 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:01:24 Rep. Phillips

00:08:08 Rep. Boniek

00:10:04 Rep. Miller

00:11:11 Rep. Washburn

00:12:12 Rep. Barrett

00:13:43 Rep. Beck

00:15:32 Rep. Boniek

00:16:32 Rep. Phillips

00:18:41 Rep. McAlpin called the question on HJ 10.

00:18:45 **Vote:** Motion tied 9-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Beck, Rep. Boland, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Pomnichowski, and Rep. Van Dyk voting aye. Rep. Calf Boss Ribs voted by proxy.

00:19:54 **Motion:** Rep. Miller moved that **HJ 10 BE TABLED.**

00:20:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-8 by voice vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Beck, Rep. Boland, Rep. Cohenour, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Phillips, and Rep. Pomnichowski voting no. Rep. Calf Boss Ribs voted by proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 317

00:20:56 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 317 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:21:12 Rep. Smith

00:21:23 Rep. Cohenour called the question on HB 317.

00:21:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Calf Boss Ribs voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 74

00:21:53 **Motion:** Chairman Van Dyk moved that **HB 74 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:22:23 Rep. Washburn
00:22:40 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:23:10 Rep. Milburn
00:23:14 Rep. Cohenour called the question HB 74.
00:23:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Calf Boss Ribs voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 330

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:56 Rep. Dee Brown (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 330,
Revise allocation of nonresident temporary-use
snowmobile permit funds.

EXHIBIT (fih31a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:28:14 Chas Van Genderen, Administrator, Parks Division,
Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.
00:28:38 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Snowmobile Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:29:24 Rep. Brown

HEARING ON HB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:50 Rep. Dee Brown (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 51,
Make state park fee opt in.

EXHIBIT (fih31a02)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:56 Mr. Van Genderen

EXHIBIT (fih31a03)

00:42:49 Stan Frasier, self

00:45:29 Drew Geiger, Montana Car Rental Association

EXHIBIT (fih31a04)

00:46:25 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance

00:50:06 John Barrows, self

00:53:51 Marilyn Ross, Commissioner, Madison County

00:55:33 Bob Gilbert, City of Glendive

00:58:26 Anna Marie Moe, Tourism Advisory Council

EXHIBIT (fih31a05)

00:59:05 Ms. Wiggers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:00 Rep. O'Hara

01:03:29 Rep. Brown

01:04:38 Rep. Washburn

01:05:06 Mr. Van Genderen

01:07:04 Rep. Peterson

01:07:21 Mr. Geiger

01:07:59 Rep. Miller

01:08:25 Rep. Brown

01:08:38 Rep. Miller

01:08:49 Rep. Brown

01:08:53 Rep. Washburn

01:09:18 Rep. Brown

01:09:44 Chairman Van Dyk

01:10:38 Rep. Brown

01:11:24 Chairman Van Dyk

01:11:38 Rep. Brown

01:12:25 Rep. Welborn

01:12:44 Ms. Moe

01:12:56 Rep. Boniek

01:13:20 Mr. Van Genderen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:14 Rep. Brown

01:19:42 Break

01:26:57 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 383

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:27:10 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 383, Revise fish & game laws re: free license for youth with life-threatening illness.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:31:51 Rep. Hendrick

01:33:37 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

01:37:09 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

01:38:03 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

01:43:21 Ron Moody, self

01:44:55 Tom Ebzery, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:47:57 Hank Worsch, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
[EXHIBIT \(fih31a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:56 Rep. Peterson

01:49:58 Rep. Arntzen

01:50:24 Mr. Sternberg

01:51:32 Rep. Peterson

01:51:45 Mr. Sternberg

01:52:15 Rep. Peterson

01:52:42 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:53:42 Mr. Worsch

01:54:02 Rep. Arntzen

01:54:50 Mr. Minard

01:55:42 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:56:15 Mr. Minard

01:56:38 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:57:18 Mr. Worsch

Closing by Sponsor:

01:57:50 Rep. Arntzen
EXHIBIT(fih31a07)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 366

02:01:25 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 366 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:01:33 Rep. Peterson
02:01:48 Rep. Cohenour withdrew her motion.

02:02:24 Chairman Van Dyk
02:02:34 Rep. Peterson

02:03:16 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 366 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:03:22 Rep. Milburn called the question on HB 366.

02:03:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Calf Boss Ribs, Rep. Phillips, and Rep. Washburn voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:08 A.M.

Bryce Bennett, Secretary

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