

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on January 27, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 212, 1/24/11; SB 134, 1/24/2011

Executive Action: SB 43 - Do pass as amended
SB 133 - Do pass as amended
SB 107 - Tabled

HEARING ON SB 134**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:16 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 134, Provide for economic impact statements on FWP seasonal rules.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:04:23 Joe Maurier, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fis21a01)

00:09:11 Ben Lamb, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:55 Sen. Wittich
00:11:47 Sen. Olson
00:15:47 Sen. Wittich
00:16:34 Sen. Olson
00:17:03 Sen. Wittich
00:17:55 Mr. Maurier, FWP
00:19:08 Sen. Shockley
00:19:18 Sen. Olson
00:23:28 Sen. Shockley
00:24:07 Mr. Maurier
00:26:39 Sen. Jent
00:27:14 Mr. Maurier
00:29:05 Sen. Facey
00:30:14 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:30:37 Sen. Balyeat
00:31:48 Mr. Maurier
00:32:52 Sen. Barrett
00:33:25 Mr. Maurier
00:34:43 Sen. Shockley left the hearing.
00:36:14 Sen. Brenden
00:36:26 Sen. Balyeat left the hearing.
00:37:48 Mr. Maurier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:36 Sen. Olson

HEARING ON SB 212**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:03 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 212, Clarify FWP authority to manage wild buffalo or bison.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:32 John Bloomquist, lobbyist, Phillips County
00:47:36 Richard Dunbar, Phillips County Commissioner, MACo
00:49:36 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner, MACo
EXHIBIT(fis21a02)
00:52:10 John Munding, natural resource management consultant, self
00:56:49 Errol Rice, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)
01:00:18 Bob Gilbert, representing Musselshell County
01:00:39 Carol Lambert, Women Involved In Farm Economics (WIFE)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:18 Joe Maurier, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
EXHIBIT(fis21a03)
01:02:37 Glenn Hockett, volunteer president, Gallatin Wildlife Association
EXHIBIT(fis21a04)
01:04:26 Ben Lamb, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:06:30 Glenn Monahan, self
01:08:13 Steve Forrest, lobbyist, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
EXHIBIT(fis21a05)
01:09:38 Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
01:12:05 Annie Glover, lobbyist, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

Informational Testimony:

01:14:30 Kerry White, Citizens For Balanced Use (CBU)
EXHIBIT(fis21a06)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:30 Sen. Shockley
01:20:42 Mr. Maurier, FWP
01:23:04 Sen. Facey
01:23:38 Sen. Ripley
01:24:45 Sen. Barrett
01:25:07 Mr. Maurier
01:26:39 Sen. Balyeat
01:28:12 Sen. Ripley
01:28:48 Sen. Balyeat
01:29:25 Mr. Lamb, MWF
01:30:21 Sen. Wittich
01:31:14 Sen. Ripley

01:36:02 Sen. Wittich
 01:36:37 Sen. Ripley
 01:36:49 Sen. Shockley
 01:38:12 Sen. Barrett
 01:38:51 Mr. Munding
 01:40:41 Sen. Brenden
 01:41:25 Mr. Lamb

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:38 Sen. Ripley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 43

01:44:51 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 43 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:46:13 Sen. Hinkle
 01:46:23 Mr. Kolman
 01:46:41 Sen. Hinkle
 01:47:33 Sen. Balyeat

01:48:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 43 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(fis21a07)

01:48:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 43 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107

01:49:40 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 107 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:50:09 Sen. Facey
 01:50:58 Sen. Barrett
 01:51:45 Sen. Jent

01:52:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Facey, Sen. Hinkle and Sen. Shockley voting aye.

01:53:45 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 107 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 133

01:54:22 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved that **SB 133 DO PASS.**

01:54:39 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 133 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis21a08)

Discussion:

01:55:28 Sen. Jent
01:56:00 Mr. Kolman, LSD
01:56:39 Sen. Gallus
01:57:34 Sen. Barrett
01:57:40 Sen. Gallus left the hearing.
01:57:47 Sen. Facey
01:58:06 Mr. Kolman
01:58:16 Sen. Shockley
01:58:47 Sen. Facey
01:58:50 Sen. Wittich

02:00:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

02:00:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Gallus voted by proxy.

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY:

EXHIBIT(fis21a09)

Testimony from Darrell Geist on SB 212 received via e-mail January 27, 2011

EXHIBIT(fis21a10)

Testimony from Paul and Jo Webb on SB 212 received via e-mail January 27, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:01:53

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis21aad.pdf](#))