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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 22, 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. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Art Wittich (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Larry Jent (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 400, 3/11/2011; HB 225, 3/17/2011; HB 272, 3/18/2011; HB 339, 3/17/2011; HB 566, 3/17/2011

Executive Action: HB 225 - Be concurred in
HB 339 - Be concurred in
HB 566 - Be concurred in

HEARING ON SB 400**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:27 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 400, Revise big game licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:17 Jean Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

EXHIBIT(fis64a01)

00:07:52 Patrick Tabor, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA) and Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

EXHIBIT(fis64a02)

00:11:00 Brett Todd, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:17:44 Amy Mills, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

EXHIBIT(fis64a03)

00:21:03 Russ Kipp, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

EXHIBIT(fis64a04)

00:21:48 Chuck Blixrud, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA)

EXHIBIT(fis64a05)

00:24:56 Dusty Crary, self

00:25:52 Ernie Barker, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA) and Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:26:52 Jason Lee, President Elect, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA) and Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:54 Vito Quatraro, President, Headwaters Sportsmen's Association (HSA)

00:31:59 George Golie, lobbyist, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:34:14 Joe Perry, Conrad Sportsmen's Alliance (CSA)

Informational Testimony:

00:34:59 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis64a06)

00:36:40 Diane Taliaferro, Acting District Manager, United States Forest Service (USFS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:18 Sen. Wittich

00:38:04 Sen. Vincent

00:42:46 Sen. Shockley

00:43:22 Mr. Risley, FWP

00:46:39 Sen. Hinkle

00:47:05 Ms. Johnson, MOGA

00:51:02 Sen. Barrett

00:51:32 Mr. Risley

00:53:58 Sen. Barrett
00:54:16 Mr. Quatraro, HSA
00:55:58 Sen. Wittich
00:57:19 Mr. Risley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:28 Sen. Vincent

HEARING ON HB 566

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:39 Rep. Max Yates (R), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 566, Revise laws related to hunting license bonus point system.
01:02:29 Sen. Barrett and Sen. Gallus left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:05:41 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:52 Sen. Balyeat
01:06:22 Mr. Risley, FWP
01:09:34 Sen. Facey
01:10:06 Mr. Risley
01:10:44 Sen. Shockley
01:11:03 Sen. Balyeat
01:11:39 Rep. Yates

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:43 Rep. Yates

HEARING ON HB 339

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:18 Rep. Liz Bangerter (R), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 339, Eliminate limit on sale of Class B-13 youth nonresident big game combo licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:20 Jean Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
01:18:26 Russ Kipp, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
01:19:02 Patrick Tabor, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA) and
Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
01:20:01 Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis64a07)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:59 Sen. Hinkle
01:21:45 Rep. Bangerter
01:22:01 Sen. Balyeat
01:22:20 Rep. Bangerter
01:22:37 Mr. Risley, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:29 Rep. Bangerter

HEARING ON HB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:25:11 Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 225, Clarify
environmental review requirements for snowmobile trail programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:06 Ronda Wiggers, lobbyist, Montana Snowmobile Association, Inc. (MSA)
01:29:03 Chas Van Genderen, Parks Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks
(FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis64a08)

01:30:02 Bob Walker, lobbyist, Our Montana and Montana Snowmobile Association, Inc.
(MSA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:34 Rep. Welborn

HEARING ON HB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:34:20 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 272, Eliminate ability for FWP to use hunting access fees to acquire fee title lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:38:18 Jean Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

01:39:00 Shelby DeMars, lobbyist, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:40:23 Sen. Wittich

01:41:09 Without objection, Dave Risley, Fish and Wildlife Division Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:42:14 Sen. Shockley

01:42:41 Mr. Risley, FWP

01:43:12 Sen. Hinkle

Closing by Sponsor:

01:43:33 Rep. Flynn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 339

01:44:32 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 339 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:44:46 Sen. Shockley

01:45:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Gallus and Sen. Jent voted by proxy. Sen. Hinkle will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 566

01:45:59 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 566 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:46:32 Sen. Facey

01:47:24 Sen. Balyeat

01:49:02 Sen. Shockley

01:49:31 Sen. Hinkle

01:49:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Jent and Sen. Shockley voting no. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Gallus and Sen. Jent voted by proxy. Sen. Gallus will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 225

01:51:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 225 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barrett, Sen. Gallus and Sen. Jent voted by proxy. Sen. Keane will carry the bill.

Discussion:

01:52:55 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:53:57 Without objection, Jean Johnson, lobbyist, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

01:54:56 Sen. Wittich

01:55:42 Ms. Johnson, MOGA

01:56:02 Sen. Hinkle

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 390

01:57:09 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 390 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:57:45 Sen. Shockley

01:58:09 Sen. Hinkle

01:58:58 Sen. Hamlett
01:59:45 Sen. Wittich
02:00:22 Sen. Shockley
02:00:42 Sen. Facey
02:01:13 Sen. Hamlett

02:01:26 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle withdrew his motion that **SB 390 DO PASS.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:

02:04:16

Kevin McCue, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis64aad.pdf](#))