

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on January 22, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair (R)
Rep. Doug Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 29, 1/10/2013; HB 144, 1/10/2013; HB 147, 1/10/2013
Executive Action: HB 150

00:31:16 Chair Welborn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150

00:31:37 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 150 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:31:58 Rep. White

EXHIBIT(fih13a01)

00:33:28 Chair Welborn

00:33:34 Rep. Lieser

00:34:27 Rep. Shaw

00:34:44 Rep. Flynn

00:35:45 Rep. Connell

00:36:18 Rep. Flynn left the meeting.

00:36:27 Chair Welborn

00:36:40 Rep. Jacobson arrived.

00:37:02 Ken McDonald, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:37:52 Chair Welborn

00:37:58 Rep. Connell

00:38:13 Chair Welborn

00:38:54 Ken McDonald, FWP

00:40:11 Chair Welborn

00:40:48 Ken McDonald, FWP

00:41:17 Rep. Wilmer

00:42:09 Rep. Hoven

00:42:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Shaw, Rep. Vance, Rep. Wagoner, Rep. Warburton, Rep. Welborn and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Doane, Rep. Flynn and Rep. Vance voted by proxy.

00:44:03 Chair Welborn

00:44:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 150 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. White voting no. Rep. Doane, Rep. Flynn and Rep. Vance were excused.

00:44:43 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:26 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 144, Allow hound hunting for black bears.

EXHIBIT(fih13a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:55 Chair Welborn
00:51:20 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife and Montana State
Beekeepers

EXHIBIT(fih13a03)**EXHIBIT(fih13a04)****EXHIBIT(fih13a05)**

00:53:49 Chair Welborn
00:55:08 Matthew White, Self
00:59:04 Ross Feenstra, Self
01:02:41 Terry Zink, Self
01:05:21 Paul Rossignol, Self
01:06:07 August Barnay, Self
01:06:58 Ryan Butler, Montana Federation of Houndsmen
01:07:22 Casey Stutzman, Northwest Houndsmen Association
01:07:47 Scott Cargill, Montana State Houndsmen Association
01:08:43 Duane Hostettler, Self
01:09:10 Joe McGillvary, Self
01:09:31 Sanford Shrout, Self
01:09:56 Aden Yoder, Self
01:10:12 Burt Miller, Self
01:10:23 Amos Mast, Self
01:10:32 Rick Broadus, Self
01:10:57 Robin Broadus, Self
01:11:39 Clint Pearce, Self
01:11:54 Darlene Pearce, Self
01:12:09 Mike Wilson, Self
01:12:26 Ian Caswell, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:50 Ken McDonald, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih13a06)

01:17:11 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
01:18:12 Dave Pauli, Wildlife Land Trust, Humane Society of the United States, Montana
Animal Care Association

EXHIBIT(fih13a07)

01:19:34 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon Society
01:22:38 John Andrew, Self
01:24:37 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

EXHIBIT(fih13a08)

01:25:46 Tim Ravandal, Self

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:26:52 Rep. Wagoner
01:27:19 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:27:59 Rep. Jacobson
01:28:21 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:28:44 Rep. Jacobson

01:29:12 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:29:23 Rep. Jacobson
01:30:00 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:30:45 Rep. White
01:31:37 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:33:07 Rep. Hoven
01:33:35 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:34:07 Rep. Connell
01:34:41 Chair Welborn
01:34:50 Rep. Jacobson
01:35:10 Chair Welborn
01:35:27 Rep. Warburton
01:36:31 Scott Cargill, Montana State Houndsmen Association
01:38:54 Rep. Warburton
01:39:05 Rep. Court
01:39:37 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:58 Rep. Harris

01:45:29 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:58:55 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 29, Authorize trapping of mountain lions by residents.

EXHIBIT(fih13a09)

02:00:36 Chair Welborn

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:01:37 Jason Catron, Bitterroot Houndsmen Association
02:02:50 Jim Daine, Bitterroot Houndsmen Association
02:04:03 Rob Bullis, Self
02:06:06 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife

EXHIBIT(fih13a10)

02:07:07 Nick Gevok, MWF
02:07:38 Dave Pauli, Montana Animal Care Association
02:08:08 Paul Rossignol, Self
02:09:05 Tonu Knuchel, Self
02:09:36 Filip Panusz, Footloose Montana
02:11:49 Tim Ravandal, Self
02:13:07 Roland Deane, Montana State Houndsmen Association
02:14:03 Ken McDonald, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih13a11)

02:17:07 Chuck Pyles, Bitterroot Houndsmen Association
02:18:00 Mark Jennings, Self
02:18:20 Les Towner, Self

02:19:25 Wayne Petersen, Self
02:20:07 Rick Broadus, Self
02:20:40 Terry Zink, Self
02:21:17 Joe McGillvary
02:21:38 Sanford Shrout, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:14 Rep. Washburn

02:24:05 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:25:18 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 163, Eliminate trophy fees for mountain lions.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:27:38 MaryEllen Schnur, Self

EXHIBIT(fih13a12)

02:30:17 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

02:30:51 Tony Knuchel, Self

02:31:31 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

02:32:48 Roland Deane, Montana State Houndsmen Association

02:33:40 Nick Gevock, MWF

02:34:10 Terry Zink, Self

02:34:47 Tim Ravandal, Self

02:35:54 Rod Bullis, Self

02:37:34 Stanford Shrout

Informational Testimony:

02:38:16 Ken McDonald, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih13a13)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:40:57 Rep. Washburn

02:41:31 Rep. Flynn

02:41:43 Rep. Connell

02:42:36 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:42:49 Rep. Shaw

02:43:16 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:43:35 Rep. Boland

02:44:05 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:44:47 Rep. Flynn

02:46:05 Chair Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:46:42

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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[EXHIBIT\(fih13a14\)](#)

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