

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on February 5, 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. Carlie Boland (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
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. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Marissa Stockton, Committee Secretary
Joe Kohlman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 328, 1/29/2013; HB 324, 1/29/2013; HB 298, 1/29/2013
Executive Action: HB 247, HB 278

00:13:08 Chair Welborn
00:14:10 Rep. Wilmer arrived.

HEARING ON HB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:47 Rep. Wendy Warburton (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 298, Study relations between the Dept, of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and landowners.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:38 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:21:56 Bob Sivertsen, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a03\)](#)

00:25:01 John Munding, Self

00:29:36 Rep. Flynn left

00:29:41 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:41 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:32:11 Sam Milodragovich, Skyline Sportsman and Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

Informational Testimony:

00:34:11 Paul Sihler, Special Projects Coordinator Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a05\)](#)

00:36:19 Rep. Connell

00:36:47 Chair Welborn

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:21 Rep. Wagoner

00:38:00 Sam Milodragovich, MSA

00:39:01 Rep. Lieser

00:39:16 Rep. Warburton

00:40:05 Rep. Washburn

00:41:16 Rep. Warburton

00:41:38 Rep. Greef

00:42:12 Rep. Warburton

00:42:38 Rep. Greef

00:42:59 Rep. Warburton

00:43:44 Chair Welborn

00:44:43 Rep. Warburton

00:45:17 Rep. White

00:45:59 John Munding

00:47:02 Rep. White

00:47:33 John Munding

00:48:53 Rep. Connell

00:49:06 Rep. Boland left the meeting.

00:49:26 Joe Kohlman, LSD
00:50:06 Rep. Jacobson
00:50:47 Sam Milodragovich, MSA
00:51:24 Rep. Wilmer
00:52:13 Paul Sihler, FWP
00:52:35 Rep. Wilmer
00:52:43 Paul Sihler, FWP
00:53:09 Rep. Hoven
00:53:39 Paul Sihler, FWP
00:54:50 Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:20 Rep. Warburton

00:57:07 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:58:15 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 328, Allowing hunter notification of wild buffalo/bison location.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:48 Ken McDonald, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a06\)](#)
01:03:55 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife
01:04:21 Nick Gevock, MWF

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:06 Patrick Daugherty, Bear Creek Council
01:06:24 Darrell Geist, Buffalo Field Campaign
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a07\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:56 Rep. White
01:10:03 Chair Welborn
01:10:13 Sam Shepard, Warden Captain, FWP
01:10:33 Rep. White
01:11:22 Sam Shepard, FWP
01:12:45 Rep. Shaw
01:13:09 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:14:37 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:14:58 Sam Shepard, FWP
01:15:56 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:16:04 Sam Shepard, FWP
01:16:44 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:16:51 Sam Shepard, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:14 Rep. Washburn

01:18:32 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 324**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:18:58 Rep. Wendy Warburton (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 324, Revise provisions of the nonresident trapper license.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a08\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(fih25a09\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:22:10 Tom Barnes, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)

01:24:09 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

01:24:40 Paul Fielder, MTA

01:25:28 Jean Johnson, MOGA

01:25:55 Bob Shepard, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:26:26 Sam Milodragovich, MSA

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a10\)](#)**Informational Testimony:**

01:28:57 Ken McDonald, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a11\)](#)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:33:07 Rep. White

01:33:31 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:33:42 Rep. White

01:33:48 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:34:25 Rep. Connell

01:34:36 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:35:13 Rep. Court

01:35:33 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:35:55 Rep. Court

01:36:28 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:37:25 Rep. Court

01:37:31 Rep. Greef

01:38:24 Sam Milodragovich, MSA

01:38:58 Rep. Greef

01:39:37 Sam Milodragovich, MSA

01:41:21 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:41:45 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:41:53 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:42:36 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:44:00 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:44:26 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:45:05 Rep. Hoven
01:45:52 Tom Barnes, MTA
01:47:33 Rep. Hoven
01:47:43 Tom Barnes, MTA
01:48:44 Rep. Jacobson
01:49:31 Tom Barnes, MTA
01:50:05 Rep. Washburn
01:50:49 Sam Shepard, FWP
01:51:22 Rep. Shaw
01:51:42 Sam Shepard, FWP
01:52:05 Rep. Shaw
01:52:29 Sam Shepard, FWP
01:53:44 Rep. White
01:54:11 Paul Fielder, MTA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:20 Rep. Warburton

01:57:16 Chair Welborn
01:58:22 Recessed
02:06:12 Meeting resumed and Rep. Warburton, Flynn and Boland did not return.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 278

02:06:53 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 278 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:07:18 Chair Welborn
02:07:20 Rep. Connell

02:08:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-3 by voice vote with Rep. Court, Rep. Pomnichowski and Rep. Smith voting no. Rep. Boland, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Vance and Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 247

02:10:12 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 247 DO PASS.**

02:10:32 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 247 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fih25a12)

Discussion:

02:10:52 Joe Kohlman, LSD
02:11:23 Chair Welborn

02:11:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Boland, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Vance and Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

02:12:09 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 247 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:12:25 Rep. Lieser

02:12:35 Rep. White

02:13:01 Rep. Shaw

EXHIBIT(fih25a13)

02:14:03 Rep. Pomnichowski

02:16:26 Rep. Washburn

02:17:30 Rep. Wilmer

02:17:40 Rep. Washburn

02:17:46 Rep. Wilmer

02:17:53 Rep. Washburn

02:18:02 Rep. Connell

02:19:26 Chair Welborn

02:19:54 Rep. Doane

02:20:13 Chair Welborn

02:20:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Court and Rep. Pomnichowski voting no. Rep. Boland, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Vance and Rep. Warburton voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:21:51

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih25aad.pdf](#))