

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on February 14, 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. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 440, 2/11/2013; HB 404, 2/7/2013; HB 407, 2/7/2013
Executive Action: HB 404, HB 376

00:32:14 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 407

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:26 Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 407, Authorize disabled hunters to hunt with a crossbow.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:33 Chair Welborn

00:36:53 David Helmers, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:46:53 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih33a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih33a02\)](#)

00:51:15 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:53:39 Vito Quataro, Montana Sportsmens Association (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih33a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:55:15 Jim Kropp, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fih33a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih33a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:42 Rep. White

00:58:25 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:00:14 Rep. White

01:01:24 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:02:47 Rep. Price arrived to the meeting.

01:02:54 Rep. Flynn

01:03:16 David Helmers

01:03:18 Rep. Flynn

01:04:07 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:04:17 Rep. Flynn

01:04:27 Jim Kropp, FWP

01:04:41 Rep. Wilmer

01:04:53 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:05:07 Rep. Wilmer

01:05:15 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:05:17 Rep. Wilmer

01:05:29 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:05:36 Rep. Wilmer

01:06:06 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:06:39 Rep. Wilmer

01:06:58 Jerry Davis, MBA

01:07:40 Rep. Wilmer

01:08:14 David Helmers

01:11:55 Chair Welborn

01:12:08 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:12:44 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:13:44 Rep. Pomnichowski
01:14:01 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:14:07 Rep. Greef
01:14:39 Jerry Davis, MBA
01:14:54 Chair Welborn
01:15:03 Rep. Doane
01:15:30 Jerry Davis, MBA
01:16:45 Rep. Doane
01:16:53 Jerry Davis, MBA
01:17:50 Rep. Shaw
01:17:58 Jerry Davis, MBA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:16 Rep. Knudsen
[EXHIBIT\(fih33a06\)](#)
01:18:56 Chair Welborn
01:18:58 Rep. Knudsen

01:21:52 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON HB 404**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:23:05 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 404, Provide funding for block management program.

01:35:08 Chair Welborn

Proponents' Testimony:

01:35:24 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
01:36:13 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
01:37:49 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau (MFBF)
01:39:22 Jacob Cowjill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
01:39:56 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:21 George Golie, MWF
01:41:15 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
01:43:17 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

Informational Testimony:

01:44:19 Jeff Hagener, FWP
[EXHIBIT\(fih33a07\)](#)
01:50:36 Vito Quataro (MSA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:36 Rep. Lieser
01:53:56 Jeff Hagener, FWP

01:55:53 Rep. Hoven
01:56:18 Rep. Flynn
01:56:34 Rep. Hoven
01:57:00 Rep. Flynn
01:57:04 Rep. Hoven
01:57:19 Rep. Flynn
02:00:47 Chair Welborn
02:01:52 Rep. Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:41 Rep. Flynn

02:03:48 Chair Welborn
02:03:49 Rep. Flynn left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 440

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:18:30 Rep. Doug Kary (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 440, Dedicate hunting license fee money for easement procurement.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:20:45 Chuck Denowh, UPOM
02:26:45 John Youngberg, MFBF
02:27:49 Jay Bodner, MSGA

Opponents' Testimony:

02:29:28 Jeff Hagener, FWP
EXHIBIT(fih33a08)
02:32:38 George Golie, MWF
02:33:22 Jean Johnson, MOGA
EXHIBIT(fih33a09)
02:35:12 Chair Welborn
02:35:25 Vito Quataro, MSA
EXHIBIT(fih33a10)
02:38:08 Rep. Wagoner arrived to the meeting.
02:38:52 Jerry Davis, MBA
02:39:25 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:40:21 Rep. Boland
02:40:41 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:40:43 Rep. Boland
02:40:58 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:41:18 Rep. Boland
02:41:26 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:41:45 Rep. Boland
02:42:12 Chuck Denowh, UPOM

02:43:15 Rep. Boland
02:43:26 Chuck Denowh, UPOM
02:44:01 Chair Welborn
02:44:24 Rep. Hoven
02:45:05 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:46:02 Rep. Price
02:46:50 Chuck Denowh, UPOM
02:47:27 Rep. Boland left the meeting.
02:47:46 Rep. Price
02:47:58 Chuck Denowh, UPOM
02:48:22 Chair Welborn
02:48:35 Rep. Wilmer
02:48:52 Jeff Hagener, FWP
02:49:13 Rep. Wilmer
02:49:43 Chuck Denowh, FWP
02:51:01 Rep. Wilmer
02:51:37 Chuck Denowh, FWP
02:53:13 Rep. Wilmer
02:53:35 Chuck Denowh, FWP
02:54:09 Rep. Wilmer
02:54:14 Chair Welborn
02:55:25 Jay Bodner, MSGA
02:56:01 Chair Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

02:56:12 Rep. Kary

02:58:19 Chair Welborn
02:59:02 Recessed.
03:16:59 Meeting resumed with Rep. Washburn, Rep. Boland, and Rep. Flynn not returning.
03:17:07 Chair Welborn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 376

03:17:26 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 376 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:17:39 Rep. Wilmer
03:18:11 Rep. Greef
03:19:04 Rep. Doane
03:20:05 Chair Welborn

03:21:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-19 by roll call vote with Rep. Doane and Rep. Greef voting aye. Rep. Boland, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Vance, Rep. Warburton and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy.

03:22:17 **Motion:** Rep. White moved that **HB 376 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

03:22:16 Rep. Connell
03:22:48 Chair welborn

03:23:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

03:23:20 Chair Welborn

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 404

03:23:34 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 404 DO PASS.**

03:23:57 **Motion:** Rep. Welborn moved that **HB 404 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fih33a11\)](#)

Discussion:

03:24:13 Hope Stockwell, LSD
03:24:59 Chair Welborn

03:25:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Boland, Rep. Flynn, Rep. Vance, Rep. Warburton and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy.

03:25:20 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 404 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

03:25:37 Rep. Wilmer
03:25:52 Rep. Flynn arrived to the meeting.
03:26:19 Rep. Jacobson
03:26:46 Rep. Court
03:27:30 Rep. Connell

03:28:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Lieser, Rep. Pomnichowski, Rep. Price and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. Boland, Rep. Vance, Rep. Warburton and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:30:13

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih33aad.pdf](#))