

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on March 12, 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. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 249, 3/8/2013; SB 341, 3/8/2013
Executive Action: HB 418

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 418

00:22:06 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 418 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:22:15 Chair Welborn
00:22:51 Hope Stockwell, LSD
00:24:33 Chair Welborn

00:24:38 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 418 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(fih53a01)

Discussion:

00:24:59 Chair Welborn

00:25:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote. Rep. Boland voted no. Rep. Price, Rep. Vance, Rep. Wagoner and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy. Rep. Doane did not vote.

00:25:48 **Motion:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 418 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:25:57 Rep. Jacobson
00:27:00 Rep. Flynn
00:28:20 Rep. White

00:28:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Kary, Rep. Vance, Rep. Wagoner, Rep. Warburton, Rep. Washburn and Rep. White voting aye. Rep. Price, Rep. Vance, Rep. Wagoner and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy. Rep. Doane did not vote.

00:30:29 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 418 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

00:30:44 Rep. Price
00:30:51 Hope Stockwell, LSD
00:31:05 Chair Welborn

00:31:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 20-0 by voice vote. Rep. Price, Rep. Vance, Rep. Wagoner and Rep. Washburn voted by proxy. Rep. Doane did not vote.

HEARING ON SB 249

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:41 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 249, Revise laws related to wildlife management.

EXHIBIT(fih53a02)

00:46:31 Chair Welborn

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:41 Becky Dockter, Chief Legal Council, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
00:47:50 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:09 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MFW)
00:50:48 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

EXHIBIT(fih53a03)

00:54:17 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association of Cascade County
00:55:34 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
00:57:40 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon
00:58:43 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers
01:00:22 Stephanie Seay, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)

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

01:01:07 Rep. Flynn
01:01:43 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:01:55 Rep. Flynn
01:03:03 John Youngberg, MFBF
01:03:26 Rep. Boland
01:03:45 Sen. Barrett
01:05:43 Rep. Wilmer
01:06:28 Sen. Barrett
01:07:16 Rep. Wilmer
01:07:54 Sen. Barrett
01:08:43 Rep. Wilmer
01:08:55 Sen. Barrett
01:09:22 Chair Welborn
01:10:01 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:10:04 Chair Welborn
01:10:27 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:11:22 Chair Welborn
01:11:42 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:12:35 Chair Welborn
01:12:59 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:13:03 Rep. Wilmer
01:13:35 Becky Dockter, FWP
01:14:11 Rep. Wilmer
01:14:39 Becky Dockter, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:04 Sen. Barrett

01:18:21 Chair Welborn

HEARING ON SB 341

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:45 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 341, Establish criteria for transplantation or augmentation of wildlife.

EXHIBIT(fih53a04)

01:32:39 Chair Welborn

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:25 John Youngberg, MFBF

Opponents' Testimony:

01:34:49 Nick Gevock, MWF

01:39:23 Chair Welborn

01:39:33 Jim Weatherly, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation

01:47:39 Mike Mease, BFC

01:49:30 Jonathan Proctor, Defenders of Wildlife in Montana

01:51:21 Vito Quatraro, MSA

EXHIBIT(fih53a05)

01:53:21 Dustin Monroe, Western Native Voice

01:56:03 Rod Bullis, Self

01:57:48 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association

02:00:10 Patrick Dougherty, Bear Creek Council

02:01:51 Stephanie Seay, BFC

EXHIBIT(fih53a06)

02:05:11 Chair Welborn

02:05:20 Katherine Quannayahu, Gallatin Wildlife Association

02:05:52 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association of Cascade Foundation

02:06:20 Stan Frasier, Self

02:06:35 Chair Welborn

02:06:53 Stan Frasier

02:07:17 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon

02:07:34 Nancy Ostlie, Self

02:08:04 Kit Fischer, NWF

02:08:25 Gail Richardson, Self

02:08:38 Tom Heyes, Self

02:08:50 Quinten Kujala, FWP

EXHIBIT(fih53a07)

02:09:16 Phillip Many Hides, Blackfeet Indian Tribe

02:10:38 Mike Colpo, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation

02:11:09 Don Worner, Self

02:11:35 Ervin Carlson, Blackfeet Indian Tribe

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:15 Sen. Fielder

02:18:22 Chair Welborn

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:19:14

Marissa Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fih53aad.pdf](#))