

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on January 10, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mary Kulawik, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 75, 1/7/2013; SB 80, 1/7/2013; SB 83, 1/7/2013

Executive Action: SB 75 (partial)

Introductions:

00:07:25 Chairman Brenden
 00:08:30 Sen. Facey
 00:08:41 Sen. Fielder
 00:08:54 Sen. Jent
 00:09:13 Sen. Peterson
 00:09:44 Mary Kulawik, Committee Secretary
 00:10:21 Dee Durand, Committee Aide
 00:10:32 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:11:00 Chairman Brenden
 00:11:18 Sen. Ripley
 00:11:33 Sen. Barrett
 00:12:08 Sen. Hamlett
 00:13:01 Sen. Thomas
 00:14:07 Sen. Van Dyk

Committee Business:

00:14:28 Chairman Brenden
 00:15:45 Sen. Peterson
 00:15:58 Chairman Brenden

 00:17:37 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved **TO ADOPT** a policy to allow proxy voting for the Committee.

 00:17:57 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved **TO ADOPT** all the Committee procedures.

 00:18:06 Without objection, Sen. Thomas withdrew the motion to allow proxy voting.

 00:18:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote (on Sen. Facey's motion).

 00:18:32 Chairman Brenden

HEARING ON SB 75

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:45 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 75, Allow donation of hunting licenses for disabled veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:38 Hank Warsech, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis04a01\)](#)
 00:26:02 Hank Tuell, Operation Second Chance (OSC)
 00:27:19 Bill Mytton, Operation Second Chance (OSC)
 00:30:17 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:29 Sen. Peterson
00:31:53 Sen. Priest
00:32:07 Sen. Van Dyk
00:32:56 Hank Worsch, FWP
00:33:29 Sen. Barrett
00:33:53 Sen. Priest
00:34:18 Sen. Hamlett
00:35:19 Sen. Priest
00:35:25 Sen. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:17 Sen. Priest

HEARING ON SB 80

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:09 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 80, Revise sunset date on good neighbor laws.

[EXHIBIT\(fis04a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis04a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:44 Paul Sihler, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis04a04\)](#)

00:46:51 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon

00:47:34 Nick Gevock, MWF

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:08 Sen. Peterson
00:52:47 Paul Sihler, FWP
00:53:25 Sen. Fielder
00:53:58 Paul Sihler
00:55:12 Sen. Fielder
00:55:18 Sen. Barrett
00:57:15 Paul Sihler

00:57:25 Sen. Barrett
 00:57:30 Chairman Brenden
 00:57:55 Paul Sihler
 00:58:21 Sen. Barrett
 00:58:25 Sen. Ripley
 01:01:02 Paul Sihler
 01:01:14 Chairman Brenden
 01:01:21 Paul Sihler
 01:01:22 Chairman Brenden
 01:01:31 Sen. Thomas
 01:03:35 Sen. Ripley
 01:03:44 Sen. Thomas
 01:04:06 Jason Mohr, LSD
 01:04:29 Sen. Thomas
 01:04:32 Chairman Brenden
 01:04:34 Sen. Facey
 01:05:14 Sen. Jent
 01:07:53 Paul Sihler
 01:08:34 Sen. Jent
 01:08:38 Chairman Brenden
 01:08:40 Sen. Jent
 01:09:30 Chairman Brenden
 01:09:39 Sen. Barrett
 01:10:09 Paul Sihler
 01:10:55 Sen. Van Dyk
 01:11:26 Paul Sihler
 01:11:48 Chairman Brenden
 01:11:52 Sen. Peterson
 01:12:12 Sen. Barrett
 01:12:15 Chairman Brenden
 01:18:55 Paul Sihler
 01:18:57 Chairman Brenden
 01:19:00 Sen. Facey
 01:19:18 Jason Mohr
 01:19:21 Sen. Facey
 01:19:25 Chairman Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:39 Sen. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 83

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:22:24 Sen. Terry Murphy (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 83, Provide mandatory criteria for bighorn sheep transplanted.

[EXHIBIT\(fis04a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:30:50 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers' Association (MWGA)
01:36:07 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:38:54 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use

Opponents' Testimony:

01:41:22 Quentin Kujala, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
01:44:14 Jim Weatherly, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF)

EXHIBIT(fis04a06)

01:51:10 John Borgreen, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

EXHIBIT(fis04a07)

01:52:56 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Foundation (MWF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:54:22 Sen. Jent
01:58:57 Sen. Murphy
02:00:20 Sen. Jent
02:02:37 Quentin Kujala, FWP
02:03:13 Sen. Jent
02:03:55 Chairman Brenden
02:03:56 Sen. Barrett
02:09:24 Quentin Kujala
02:09:50 Chairman Brenden
02:10:12 Quentin Kujala

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02:10:14 Chairman Brenden
02:10:18 Sen. Barrett
02:10:50 Sen. Van Dyk
02:16:34 Sen. Murphy
02:17:58 Sen. Fielder
02:19:45 Quentin Kujala
02:21:00 Sen. Van Dyk
02:21:40 Quentin Kujala
02:22:06 Sen. Thomas
02:23:22 Chairman Brenden
02:25:10 Quentin Kujala
02:25:15 Chairman Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

02:25:21 Sen. Murphy

Discussion:

02:26:04 Chairman Brenden

Executive Action

02:30:42 **Motion:** Sen. Barrett moved **DO PASS** on SB 75.

Discussion:

02:30:56 Chairman Brenden

02:30:59 Sen. Barrett

02:31:00 Jason Mohr

02:31:11 Chairman Brenden

Note:

The Committee agreed that because the amendments were not ready, executive action would not be taken. The meeting was adjourned without a motion to withdraw the do pass motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:31 PM

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis04aad.pdf](#))