

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Vice Chair Rick Ripley, on March 7, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 360, 3/5/2013; HB 163, 3/5/2013; HB 247, 3/5/2013; HB 170,
3/5/2013

Executive Action: HB 26 - Be Concurred In
HB 136 - Be Concurred In
HB 27 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 360

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:08 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 360, Allowing use of temporary holding pens on shooting preserves.

[EXHIBIT\(fis49a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:11 Bill Warden, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:28:47 Jim Kropp, Chief Law Enforcement Officer, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:40 Sen. Facey

00:30:04 Bill Warden, self

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:52 Rep. White

00:31:36 Vice Chair Ripley

00:31:44 Rep. White

HEARING ON HB 163

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:08 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 163, Eliminate trophy fees for mountain lions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:58 Mary Ellen Schnur, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis49a02\)](#)

00:36:32 Sen. Thomas entered the hearing.

00:36:52 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:23 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

00:38:21 George Pauley, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis49a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:37 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON HB 247

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:57 Rep. Steve Lavin (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 247, Create permit for salvage of game killed by vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:42 Jean Johnson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:58 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

00:46:06 Jim Kropp, Chief Law Enforcement Officer, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis49a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:13 Sen. Peterson
00:48:27 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:48:53 Sen. Facey
00:49:14 Rep. Lavin
00:50:13 Vice Chair Ripley
00:51:07 Jim Kropp
00:51:31 Sen. Hamlett
00:52:10 Jim Kropp
00:52:27 Vice Chair Ripley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:40 Rep. Lavin

HEARING ON HB 170**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:57 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 170, Authorize a 3-day nonresident upland bird license.

00:55:06 Sen. Brenden entered the hearing and resumed the role of Chair.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:48 Mike Taylor, self

00:56:59 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:58:39 Mary Ellen Schnur, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:00:29 George Pauley, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
[EXHIBIT\(fis49a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:00:57 Sen. Van Dyk

01:01:11 George Pauley, FWP

01:02:02 Sen. Facey

01:02:28 George Pauley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:02:45 Rep. Galt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 26

01:05:50 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 26 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:06:09 Sen. Jent

01:07:57 Chairman Brenden

01:08:16 Sen. Van Dyk

01:10:28 Sen. Barrett

01:10:44 Sen. Jent

01:10:55 Sen. Barrett

01:11:31 Sen. Thomas

01:12:26 Sen. Ripley

01:12:34 Chairman Brenden

01:12:43 Sen. Ripley

01:13:22 Chairman Brenden

01:14:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 136

01:15:14 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 136 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:15:31 Sen. Facey
01:15:52 Sen. Peterson
01:16:17 Sen. Ripley

01:16:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 142

01:17:35 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 142 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:17:42 Sen. Peterson
01:17:51 Sen. Ripley
01:18:19 Sen. Facey

01:18:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ripley will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179

01:19:14 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 179 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:19:37 Sen. Facey
01:19:42 Sen. Van Dyk
01:19:46 Sen. Fielder
01:19:52 Sen. Ripley
01:19:53 Sen. Barrett
01:19:54 Chairman Brenden

Note: It was discovered that the Committee had already taken executive action on both HB 142 and HB 179 on 3/5/2013. No further action was taken on HB 179 and the second vote on HB 142 was not reported out of committee.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 27

01:20:10 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 27 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:20:15 Chairman Brenden

01:20:26 Sen. Peterson

01:21:26 Jim Kropp, FWP

01:23:03 Sen. Ripley

01:24:03 Sen. Hamlett

01:24:39 Sen. Peterson left the hearing.

01:24:51 Sen. Fielder

01:25:54 Chairman Brenden

01:26:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Peterson voted by proxy. Sen. Barrett will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:06 PM

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis49aad.pdf](#))