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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 12, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (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:

Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (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 273, 3/8/2013; HB 278, 3/8/2013; HB 147, 3/8/2013

Executive Action: HB 273 - Be Concurred In
HB 170 - Be Concurred In
HB 247 - Be Concurred In
HB 163 - Be Concurred In

00:21:10 Sen. Fielder left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 273

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:24 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 273, Remove sunset on allowing nonresidents to hunt with sponsor or family.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:59 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:23:35 Hank Worsech, License Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:23 Sen. Facey

00:24:32 Hank Worsech, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:45 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 278

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:25 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 278, Reduce waiting period to use bear license after purchase.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:27:32 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:27:58 Jim Kropp, Chief Law Enforcement Officer, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:52 Sen. Facey

00:30:55 Jim Kropp, FWP
00:30:58 Sen. Van Dyk
00:32:06 Jim Kropp
00:32:16 Chairman Brenden
00:34:59 Jim Kropp

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:45 Rep. Ted Washburn

HEARING ON HB 147

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:27 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 147, Revise hunter trespass penalty laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:14 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
00:41:32 Justin O'Hair, self
00:45:43 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)
00:47:55 Jeff Cahill, self
00:49:16 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:50:47 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

00:53:16 Jim Kropp, Chief Law Enforcement Officer, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:06 Sen. Thomas
00:58:21 Jay Bodner, MSGA and MCW
00:58:49 Sen. Van Dyk
01:00:45 Rep. Redfield
01:01:45 Sen. Van Dyk
01:02:08 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:03:06 Sen. Jent

01:04:51 Sen. Barrett entered the hearing.

01:05:35 Rep. Redfield
01:05:52 Chairman Brenden
01:05:57 Sen. Jent

01:06:03 Rep. Redfield
01:06:22 Sen. Thomas
01:07:46 Rep. Redfield
01:08:09 Chairman Brenden
01:08:16 Jim Kropp
01:09:04 Sen. Hamlett
01:11:55 Jim Kropp
01:12:24 Sen. Van Dyk
01:12:36 Sen. Thomas
01:13:54 Jay Bodner
01:14:01 Sen. Facey
01:14:38 Chuck Denowh, UPOM
01:15:28 Chairman Brenden
01:15:52 George Golie, MWF
01:16:59 Sen. Jent
01:18:54 Chairman Brenden
01:19:31 George Golie
01:20:53 Chairman Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:00 Rep. Redfield
01:22:03 Chairman Brenden

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 273

01:23:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 273 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Fielder and Sen. Ripley voted by proxy. Sen. Van Dyk will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 170

01:25:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 170 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Fielder and Sen. Ripley voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 247

Discussion:

01:27:04 Chairman Brenden
01:27:10 Sen. Facey
01:28:14 Sen. Peterson

01:28:29 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 247 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:30:09 Sen. Van Dyk

01:31:12 Sen. Barrett
01:32:00 Sen. Jent
01:32:34 Sen. Facey
01:32:50 Sen. Hamlett

01:33:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Peterson and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Fielder and Sen. Ripley voted by proxy. Sen. Jent will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 163

01:35:45 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 163 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:36:12 Sen. Peterson
01:36:20 Chairman Brenden
01:36:30 Sen. Facey
01:37:10 Sen. Hamlett
01:37:28 Jim Kropp, FWP
01:37:48 Sen. Facey

01:38:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Fielder and Sen. Ripley voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:23 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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