

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 14, 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

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 381, 3/8/2013; SB 380, 3/8/2013

Executive Action: HB 278 - Be Concurred In
HB 360 - Be Concurred In
SB 260 - DPAA
SB 286 - To Table As Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 278

00:28:11 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 278 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:28:28 Sen. Van Dyk
 00:31:37 Sen. Jent
 00:33:20 Sen. Fielder
 00:33:35 Sen. Ripley
 00:33:39 Sen. Peterson
 00:33:42 Chairman Brenden
 00:33:58 Sen. Fielder
 00:35:18 Patrick Tabor, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
 00:35:44 Sen. Ripley
 00:35:51 Sen. Van Dyk
 00:36:02 Sen. Facey
 00:36:45 Sen. Fielder
 00:36:46 Sen. Facey
 00:37:17 Sen. Van Dyk

00:38:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Fielder, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Thomas will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 360

00:39:12 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 360 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:39:25 Sen. Peterson
 00:40:27 Sen. Facey
 00:40:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Peterson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 260

00:41:39 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 260 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:41:47 Sen. Thomas
[EXHIBIT\(fis55a01\)](#)
 00:43:52 Sen. Facey
 00:43:56 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 00:44:42 Sen. Facey
 00:44:46 Sen. Van Dyk
 00:45:03 Sen. Thomas
 00:46:21 Sen. Facey

00:46:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 260 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Ripley voting no. (See Exhibit 1)

00:47:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Van Dyk voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 286

00:48:12 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 286 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:48:21 Sen. Facey

00:49:07 Hank Worsch, Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:49:38 Jason Mohr, LSD

00:50:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SB 286 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Facey voting no.

EXHIBIT(fis55a02)

00:51:00 Sen. Barrett left the hearing.

00:50:49 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Peterson made a substitute motion that **SB 286 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Ripley and Sen. Thomas voting no. Sen. Barrett voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 381

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:40 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 381, Revise qualifications, fee for nonresident relative hunting, fishing licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:55:06 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:55:24 Patrick Tabor, President, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:55:49 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:57:44 Vito Quatraro, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

00:58:57 J. W. Westman, Laurel Rod and Gun (LRG)

EXHIBIT(fis55a03)

EXHIBIT(fis55a04)

01:00:00 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

Informational Testimony:

01:00:58 Hank Worsech, Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:01:14 Sen. Jent
 01:02:16 Hank Worsech, FWP
 01:02:38 Sen. Ripley
 01:05:11 Hank Worsech

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:41 Sen. Vincent
 01:07:42 Chairman Brenden

HEARING ON SB 380

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:13 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 380, Providing for nonresident hunting licenses in wilderness.

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:57 Jean Johnson, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA)
 01:19:27 Patrick Tabor, President, Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association (PWOA)
 01:28:09 Brett Todd, President, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
 01:31:36 Dusty Crary, self
 01:35:04 Mac Minard, Executive Director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:38:40 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 01:41:41 Robert Wood, Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association (RCFWA) and Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a08\)](#)

01:45:42 Vito Quatraro, Headwater Sportsmen Association-Bozeman (HSAB) and Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

01:50:20 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a09\)](#)

01:52:32 J. W. Westman, Laurel Rod and Gun (LRG)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a11\)](#)

01:54:56 Hank Worsech, Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis55a12\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:56:57 Sen. Thomas
01:57:52 Vito Quatraro, HSAB and MSA
01:58:11 Sen. Thomas
01:58:17 Sen. Vincent
01:58:35 Sen. Ripley
02:01:57 Dusty Crary, self
02:03:10 Sen. Ripley
02:04:16 Nick Gevock, MWF
02:04:38 Sen. Ripley
02:04:59 Hank Worsech, FWP
02:05:08 Sen. Van Dyk
02:10:36 Patrick Tabor, PWOA
02:11:22 Sen. Thomas
02:14:39 Patrick Tabor
02:17:44 Chairman Brenden
02:20:28 Hank Worsech

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:04 Sen. Vincent

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis55aad.pdf](#))