

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on March 19, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 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)

Members Excused:

Sen. Fred Thomas (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 328, 3/8/2013; HB 396, 3/8/2013

Executive Action: SB 178 - DP
HB 328 - Be Concurred in
SB 381 - Tabled

HEARING ON HB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:24 Rep. Ted Washburn (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 328, Allowing hunter notification of wild buffalo/bison location.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:22 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:17:22 Ken McDonald, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:18:00 Sen. Van Dyk entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:58 Darrell Geist, Habitat Coordinator, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:40 Sen. Van Dyk

00:24:47 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:14 Rep. Washburn

HEARING ON HB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:03 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 396, Revise laws regarding translocation of wild buffalo/bison.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:51 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

00:33:25 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:38:58 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner (FCC)

[EXHIBIT\(fis59a01\)](#)

00:42:03 Lesley Robinson, Phillips County Commissioner (PCC) and Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:43:47 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner (PCC)

00:45:31 Frank Rigler, self

[EXHIBIT\(fis59a02\)](#)

00:46:00 Sen. Thomas entered the hearing
00:47:43 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)
00:49:27 Niki Sardot, self
00:50:11 Greg Chilcott, President, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) and Ravalli County Commissioner (RCC)
00:51:16 Margaret Morgan, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
00:51:54 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)
00:53:46 Paulette Keller, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:38 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
00:58:24 Robert Magnan, Buffalo Manager, Fort Peck Tribes (FPT)

EXHIBIT(fis59a03)

01:01:54 Mark Azure, Director of Buffalo Herd, Fort Belknap Tribes (FBT)
01:04:09 Dustin Monroe, Executive Director, Western Native Voice (WNV)

EXHIBIT(fis59a04)

01:07:07 Craig Knowles, self
01:10:34 Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

EXHIBIT(fis59a05)

01:13:28 Dick Dolan, Managing Director, American Prairie Reserve (APR)
01:15:04 Ken McDonald, Administrator, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(fis59a06)

01:18:57 Stan Frasier, self
01:19:53 Claudia Narcisco, volunteer, Montana Chapter of Sierra Club (SC)
01:25:43 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon (MA)
01:25:57 Rob Ellis, self
01:26:30 Darrell Geist, Habitat Coordinator, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)
01:27:14 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

Informational Testimony:

01:28:12 Christian MacKay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of Livestock (MBL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:28:40 Sen. Fielder
01:29:47 Ken McDonald, FWP
01:30:43 Chairman Brenden
01:31:02 Sen. Fielder
01:32:56 Ken McDonald
01:33:27 Sen. Ripley
01:37:35 Ken McDonald
01:38:08 Chairman Brenden

01:40:26 Robert Magnan, FPT
01:40:43 Sen. Ripley
01:42:10 Robert Magnan
01:42:32 Dustin Monroe, WNV
01:43:58 Sen. Thomas
01:50:36 Ken McDonald
01:51:13 Sen. Barrett
01:54:02 Ken McDonald
01:54:19 Sen. Van Dyk
01:54:50 Ken McDonald
01:55:00 Sen. Hamlett
01:56:03 Greg Chilcott, MACo and RCC
01:56:08 Sen. Hamlett
01:56:37 Sen. Jent
01:56:45 Chairman Brenden
01:57:02 Sen. Hamlett
01:57:10 Sen. Jent
01:58:07 Sen. Hamlett
01:58:25 Dustin Monroe
01:59:25 Sen. Hamlett
02:00:44 Christian MacKay, MBL
02:01:00 Sen. Ripley
02:04:17 Rep. Lang
02:04:23 Sen. Thomas
02:05:58 Rep. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:34 Rep. Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 381

02:10:43 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 381 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:11:07 Sen. Van Dyk
02:12:14 Sen. Peterson
02:12:41 Sen. Ripley

02:13:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden and Sen. Ripley voting aye.

02:14:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 381 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Brenden and Sen. Ripley voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 178

02:14:37 **Motion:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SB 178 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:14:47 Sen. Van Dyk

02:16:35 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 178 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis59a07)

Discussion:

02:17:11 Sen. Van Dyk
02:18:00 Chairman Brenden
02:18:49 Sen. Van Dyk
02:19:47 Chairman Brenden
02:20:02 Sen. Ripley

02:20:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden, Sen. Fielder and Sen. Ripley voting aye.

Discussion:

02:21:22 Sen. Barrett

02:22:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Barrett, Sen. Brenden and Sen. Fielder voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 328

02:23:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **HB 328 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Jent voting no. Sen. Fielder will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:16 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis59aad.pdf](#))