

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

**Call to Order:** Chair John Brenden, on April 4, 2013 at 4:30 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. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

**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: HB 401, 3/25/2013; HB 444, 3/25/2013

Executive Action: HB 396 - Be Concurred In

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 396**

01:29:00 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 396 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:29:10 Sen. Ripley

01:29:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Peterson and Sen. Thomas voted by proxy. Sen. Ripley will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON HB 401****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:31:20 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 401, Revising certain hunting license application fees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:32:48 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)  
01:33:40 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
01:34:00 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)  
01:34:24 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)  
01:34:42 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)  
01:35:00 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association-Great Falls (RCSA)  
01:35:25 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon  
01:35:39 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

**[EXHIBIT\(fis70a01\)](#)**

01:36:15 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**[EXHIBIT\(fis70a02\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:36:40 Sen. Van Dyk

01:37:19 Sen. Thomas entered the hearing.

01:37:27 Jeff Hagener, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:37:52 Rep. Welborn

**HEARING ON HB 444****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:38:31 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 444, Provide tax credit for access to state lands.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:41:34 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)  
01:41:58 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
01:42:49 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)  
01:43:13 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association-Great Falls (RCSA)  
01:43:56 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)  
01:44:22 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)  
01:44:39 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association (MBA)

**[EXHIBIT\(fis70a03\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:45:40 Kevin Chappel, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
01:45:55 Brian Olsen, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)  
01:46:06 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**[EXHIBIT\(fis70a04\)](#)**

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:46:25 Sen. Fielder  
01:47:00 Rep. Jacobson  
01:47:14 Sen. Ripley  
01:47:40 Kevin Chappel, DNRC  
01:48:05 Sen. Thomas  
01:48:30 Jeff Hagener, FWP  
01:48:42 Sen. Thomas  
01:48:55 Rep. Jacobson  
01:50:10 Sen. Van Dyk  
01:50:54 Jeff Hagener  
01:51:29 Sen. Ripley  
01:52:54 Rep. Jacobson  
01:53:00 Sen. Barrett  
01:55:05 Rep. Jacobson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:56:03 Rep. Jacobson

**Committee Business:**

01:57:16 Chairman Brenden

01:58:01 Sen. Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:04 P.M.

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Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fis70aad.pdf](#))**