

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on April 18, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 69, 4/12/2013; SR 68, 4/12/2013; SR 70, 4/12/2013

Executive Action: SJ 28 - Tabled

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 28

- 00:11:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SJ 28 DO PASS**. Motion failed 1-9 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey voting aye.
- 00:13:01 Without objection, Sen. Facey moved that SJ 28 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.

Committee Business:

- 00:13:14 Chairman Brenden
00:13:42 Tim Baker, Governor's Office
- 00:14:45 Sen. Brenden turned over the duties of the chair to Vice Chair Ripley.

HEARING ON SR 69**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:14:55 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR 69, Confirmation of appointee to the FWP Commission.
- 00:16:02 Richard Stuker, appointee
[EXHIBIT\(fis82a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

- 00:16:45 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana Public Lands Council (MPLC), and Montana Association of State Grazing Districts (MASGD)
- 00:17:15 Bonnie Lorang, General Manager, Montana Independent Telecommunications Systems (MITS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 00:18:04 Sen. Jent
00:19:45 Richard Stuker, appointee
00:21:15 Sen. Fielder
00:21:39 Richard Stuker
00:22:20 Sen. Barrett
00:23:48 Richard Stuker
00:24:41 Sen. Thomas
00:28:28 Richard Stuker
00:29:10 Sen. Fielder
00:30:48 Richard Stuker
00:30:55 Sen. Hamlett
00:31:33 Richard Stuker

00:32:24 Sen. Thomas
00:32:35 Richard Stuker
00:33:24 Sen. Brenden
00:34:05 Richard Stuker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:19 Sen. Brenden

HEARING ON SR 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:59 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SR 68, Confirmation of appointee to the FWP Commission.

00:36:32 Matthew Tourtlotte, appointee

[EXHIBIT\(fis82a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:37:39 Sen. Thomas
00:38:49 Matthew Tourtlotte, appointee
00:39:50 Sen. Barrett
00:41:04 Matthew Tourtlotte
00:42:21 Sen. Van Dyk
00:43:00 Matthew Tourtlotte
00:45:00 Sen. Fielder
00:45:42 Matthew Tourtlotte
00:48:48 Sen. Thomas
00:51:54 Matthew Tourtlotte
00:52:03 Sen. Hamlett
00:53:22 Matthew Tourtlotte
00:53:44 Sen. Fielder
00:55:10 Matthew Tourtlotte
00:55:32 Sen. Hamlett
00:55:58 Matthew Tourtlotte
00:57:32 Sen. Brenden
01:00:18 Matthew Tourtlotte

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:38 Sen. Brenden

01:02:15 Sen. Brenden resumed the duties of the chair.

HEARING ON SR 70

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:02:30 Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SR 70, Confirmation of appointee to the FWP Commission.

01:03:22 Lawrence Wetsit, appointee
[EXHIBIT\(fis82a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:30 Floyd Azure, Chairman, Fort Peck Tribes
01:13:36 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31
01:14:04 Jason Smith, Director, Indian Affairs (IA)
01:14:21 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
01:15:39 Dustin Monroe, Executive Director, Western Native Voice (WNV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:16:30 Sen. Thomas
01:19:42 Lawrence Wetsit, appointee
01:20:13 Sen. Ripley
01:21:36 Lawrence Wetsit
01:22:22 Sen. Fielder
01:25:03 Lawrence Wetsit
01:26:00 Sen. Barrett
01:27:27 Lawrence Wetsit
01:28:09 Chairman Brenden
01:31:40 Lawrence Wetsit

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:23 Sen. Van Dyk

01:34:05 Chairman Brenden
01:34:10 Sen. Thomas
01:34:15 Chairman Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:29 P.M.

Mary Kulawik, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis82aad.pdf](#))