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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair John Brenden, on February 19, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. John Brenden, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, 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 333, 2/16/2015; SB 334, 2/16/2015

Executive Action: SB 333: Do Pass
SB 334: Do Pass As Amended
SB 295: Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 334**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:34 Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R), SD 7, opened the hearing on SB 334, Revise definitions of game animal, predatory animal.

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:17 Bill Mitchell, board of directors, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MT SFW)

00:06:37 Mac Minard, executive director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:07:13 Bert Wustner, Montana Trappers Association (MTA), Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MT SFW)

00:07:46 Dennis Schutz, Montana Trappers Association (MTA), Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MT SFW)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:42 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Informational Testimony:

00:11:48 Becky Dockter, attorney, Department Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:06 Sen. Phillips

00:15:38 Ms. Dockter, FWP

00:16:52 Sen. Vincent

00:17:39 Ms. Dockter

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a02\)](#)

00:17:55 Chair Brenden

00:17:59 Sen. Vincent

00:18:25 Ms. Dockter

00:19:36 Sen. Facey

00:21:41 Ms. Dockter

00:22:47 Sen. Ripley

00:23:19 Ms. Dockter

00:23:36 Chair Brenden

00:24:02 Ms. Dockter

00:24:42 Chair Brenden

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:49 Sen. Fielder

00:27:37 Chair Brenden

00:27:41 Sen. Fielder

HEARING ON SB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:23 Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 333, Clarify policy toward nonresident hunters.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:18 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a03\)](#)

00:33:58 Rob Arnaud, president, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:36:54 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:39:03 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen's Alliance (MSA)

Informational Testimony:

00:39:51 Hank Worsch, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:06 Sen. Vincent
00:40:51 Mr. Golie, MWF
00:41:22 Sen. Vincent
00:41:51 Ms. Johnson, MOGA
00:41:57 Sen. Facey
00:42:42 Sen. Hinkle
00:43:14 Sen. Facey
00:43:36 Ms. Johnson
00:43:44 Chair Brenden
00:43:47 Sen. Ripley
00:43:56 Sen. Fielder
00:44:45 Mr. Arnaud, MOGA
00:45:32 Sen. Vuckovich
00:46:20 Mr. Golie, MWF
00:46:49 Sen. Vuckovich
00:47:02 Ms. Johnson
00:47:24 Chair Brenden
00:47:52 Mr. Golie
00:47:59 Chair Brenden
00:48:12 Mr. Perry, MSA
00:48:25 Chair Brenden

00:48:59 Sen. Phillips left the hearing.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:05 Sen. Hinkle

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 333

00:51:24 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 333 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:51:33 Sen. Vincent

00:52:27 Sen. Ripley

00:53:07 Chair Brenden

00:53:16 Sen. Facey

00:54:20 Chair Brenden

00:54:44 Sen. Facey

00:54:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 334

00:55:43 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 334 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:55:54 Chair Brenden

00:56:07 Hope Stockwell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(fis38a05\)](#)

00:56:58 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 334 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Phillips and Sen. Smith were excused.

00:57:35 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 334 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:57:44 Sen. Vincent

00:58:24 Sen. Fielder

00:58:36 Sen. Vincent

00:59:12 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

00:59:35 Sen. Ripley

01:00:04 Sen. Hamlett

01:00:36 Sen. Hinkle

01:01:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 295

01:02:10 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 295 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:02:41 Sen. Vincent

01:03:39 Sen. Fielder

01:04:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Hamlett and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Phillips was excused.

Committee Business:

01:05:20 Chair Brenden

01:05:45 Sen. Hinkle

01:06:00 Chair Brenden

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 pm

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis38aad.pdf](#))