

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DOUG WAGNER**, on January 21, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 1 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Doug Wagner, Chairman (R)
Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. George Golie, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Shiell Anderson (R)
Rep. Gary Beck (D)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Gail Gutsche (D)
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)
Rep. Hal Harper (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Bill Rehbein (R)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mikell Johnson, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 291
Executive Action: HB 20
HB 26
HJ 04

HEARING ON HB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Hal Harper

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17 - 112}

EXHIBIT (fih16a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

Ralph Yeager, ORION

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 120 - 137}

Allison Bohn, rancher, hunters education instructor, block management

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 140 - 197}

Jerry Wells, Montana Outfitters Association, Float Fish Outfitters of Montana

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 200 - 209}

Montana Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

Opponents' Testimony: NONE

Informational Testimony:

Patrick Graham, Director of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 218 - 258}

EXHIBIT (fih16a02) EXHIBIT (fih16a03)

Dustin Doane, Montana Wildlife Federation

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 262 - 270}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 273 - 608; Comments : continued from side A }

Closing Statement by Sponsor:

Rep Hal Harper

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 608 - 622}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 20

Jim Weatherly, President,

Montana Chapter of the Foundation for North American Sheep

EXHIBIT (fih16a04)

Motion: REP. FUCHS moved AMENDMENTS.

Discussion:

Amendments to House Bill No. 20

EXHIBIT (fih16a05)

Vote on amendment HB002002 failed 7-13, Anderson, Beck, Davies, Erickson, Facey, Gutsche, Harper, Hibbard, Molnar, Raney, Shockley, Walters, and Golie voting no.

Amendments to House Bill No. 20

EXHIBIT (fih16a06)

Vote on amendment HB002001 passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. FUCHS moved that HOUSE BILL 20 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion passed 12-8 with Beck, Erickson, Golie, Gutsche, Harper, Raney, Shockley, and Walters voting no.

Pat Graham, Fish Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT (fih16a07)

Motion: REP. FUCHS move AMENDMENTS.

Discussion:

Amendments to House Bill No. 26

EXHIBIT (fih16a08)

Vote on amendment HB002601 passed 15-5, Davies, Gutsche, Harper, Hibbard and Rehbein voting no.

Arnie Olson, Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT (fih16a09)

Motion: REP. FACEY moved AMENDMENTS.

Discussion:

Amendments to House Bill No. 26

EXHIBIT (fih16a10)

Vote on amendment HB002603 passed 15-5, Davies, Gutsche, Harper, Hibbard and Raney voting no.

Amendments to House Bill No. 26

EXHIBIT (fih16a11)

Vote on amendment HB002604 passed unanimously.

Amendments to House Bill No. 26

EXHIBIT (fih16a12)

Vote on amendment HB002602 passed 15-5, Anderson, Molnar, Rehbein, Somerville, Fuchs voting no.

Vote on amendment HB002605 passed 14-6, Beck, Molnar, Rehbein, Somerville, Fuchs and Wagner voting no.

Vote: Motion that **HOUSE BILL 26 DO PASS AS AMENDED passed 14-6 with Beck, Golie, Pavlovich, Raney, Shockley, and Walters voting no.**

EXHIBIT (fih16a13)

Linda Twitchell, Executive Director,
Great Northern Development Corporation
Candy Marsh, President,
Missouri River Country
Gerald Kohler, Chairman,
Sheridan County Commissioners
Randall G. Holom, Chief Executive Officer,
Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital
KL Pray, Town Clerk,
Town of Saco
Duane Tihista, Mayor,
Town of Nashua
Richard L. Isle, Mayor,
City of Wolf Point
Arlyss Long, President,
Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
Richard Rice, President,
Sheridan County Chamber
Dean Harmon, Chairman,
Roosevelt County Commissioners
Ronald Audet, Mayor,
City of Scobey
Tod Kasten, President,
Two Rivers Growth
Bruce Houle, President,
Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
Arlie W. Gordon, Mayor,
Town of Fort Peck
Eleanor D. Pratt, Member,
Board of County Commissioners
Jerry Ketchum, President,
Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

Petitions in support of a multi species fish hatchery near Fort Peck Dam:

EXHIBIT (fih16a14)

Petitions in support of a multi species fish hatchery near Fort Peck Dam

EXHIBIT (fih16a15)

EXHIBIT (fih16a16)

Kim Lacey, Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
Ed Kennedy, Self
Kim Latrielle, CEO,
Missoula Area Chamber
Diane Brant, Self

Petition opposing the reintroduction of Grizzly Bear into the Bitterroot Selway Wilderness Area:

EXHIBIT (fih16a17)

Petition opposing to any reintroduction of Grizzly Bear into Montana-Idaho Bitterroot Selway Wilderness Area.:

EXHIBIT (fih16a18)

EXHIBIT (fih16a19)

Bernie Swift, President,
Grassroots For Multiple Use
Rhonda Knapp, Grassroots for Multiple Use
Concerned About Grizzlies

Letters in support of the resolution from 14 different organizations:

Ravalli County Farm Bureau
Corvallis Grange
Montana State Grange
Bitterroot Stockgrowers
W MT Chapter of WIFE
Bitterroot Chapter of Women in Timber
Bitterroot Irrigation
Bitterroot Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club
Water Cooperative
Big Creek Water Users Association
Friends of the Constitution
Bitterroot Back Country Horsemen
People for the West
Grassroots for Multiple Use
Darby Lumber

EXHIBIT (fih16a20)

Merle Lloyd, Grass-roots For Multiple Use
Letters to Mr. Lloyd in opposition of HJ04

EXHIBIT (fih16a21)

Russ Miller, Self

EXHIBIT (fih16a22)

Dennis Workman, Self
Christopher Strainer, Self
Geneva Lybyer, Self
John M., Self

Motion: REP. WALTERS moved AMENDMENT.

Discussion:

EXHIBIT (fih16a23)

Vote on amendment HJ000401 passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. ANDERSON moved that HOUSE JOINT 4 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 15-5 with Erickson, Facey, Gutsche, Harper, and Raney voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. DOUG WAGNER, Chairman

MIKELL JOHNSON, Secretary

DW/MJ

EXHIBIT (fih16aad)