

HOUSE FISH AND GAME 1-27 COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL VOTE -----

	Date: No: HB 101	Date: No: HB 104 AMENDMENT	Date: No:	Date: No:	Date: No:	Date: No:
DAILY	YES	YES				
DEVLIN	NO	YES				
ELLISON	NO	YES				
HANSON	NO	YES				
HART	YES	NO				
JENSEN	YES	NO				
MANUEL	YES	NO				
MUELLER	YES	YES				
NISBET	YES	NO				
PHILLIPS	YES	YES				
REAM	YES	NO				
RYAN	NO	YES				
SAUNDERS	YES	NO				
SWIFT	NO	YES				
VELEBER	YES	NO				
SPAETH	YES	NO				
NILSON	ABSTAIN	NO				

DO NOT PASS failed
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FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

January 27, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Les Nilson in room 420 of the Capitol Building at 12:30 p.m., with all members present except Rep. Manuel, who was excused.

Chairman Nilson opened the meeting to a hearing on House Bills: 345, and 366.

HOUSE BILL 366

REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS IVERSON, District 9, Whitlash, opened by saying this is a bill dealing with the composition of the Fish and Game Commission. The commission is now made up of five members. One of these members is supposed to be a person experienced in the management of domestic livestock. We are proposing a change in this composition priority to at least one member shall be a licensed outfitter. An outfitter is a person engaged in outfitting for hunting, fishing, or floating, and several other categories. The present board will be protected in that the first appointment will not be made until October 1, 1983. The governor is allowed to appoint the majority by one, at the time he takes office. When the governor takes office next time, he will be able to appoint three people, one of them having to meet the requirements of this bill.

PROPONENTS

TAG RITTER, Montana Outfitters and Guides, said we are part of a one billion dollar industry in the State of Montana. Outfitting is one of the oldest industries in Montana. We are interested in the wildlife and fishing in Montana, and we have valuable input and information for the members of the fish and and game commission.

SMOKE ELSER, Missoula, said outfitting is the third largest industry in the State of Montana and is completely controlled by the Department of Fish and Game. Because of this, we feel we should have at least one member as a representative on that commission.

ART WIEKUM, Agusta, rose in support of House Bill 366 for reasons already stated.

BOB STEPHENS, Dutton, stated outfitters have no say so at all as to regulations. I don't know why the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department wouldn't want the expertise of an outfitter on their commission.

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BRUCE HIGHLAND, Augusta, said the Fish and Game Department has control of the outfitters. I don't know how one can have control and the other have no input in what goes on. They are both a very integral part of the game system, and of the parks and recreation system of the state.

DUANE NIEL, rose in support of House Bill 366, for reasons previously stated.

RALPH HOLMAN, McLeod, said there are many outfitters in the State of Montana who are doing business. We have the expertise to make a very valuable contribution to the commission.

REPRESENTATIVE ORVAL ELLISON, District 73, McLeod, said the commission is charged with setting the seasons. Therefore, an outfitter who is a member of a large organization, and who is out in the field all during the hunting and fishing season, would have some very good input into setting the season. Our game population goes up and down and this is controlled by the amount of tags the hunters get every year.

DOUG DREESZEN, Billings, said outfitting is an important business in the State of Montana, and I agree with and support the testimony previously stated.

OPPONENTS

JIM FLYNN, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, presented the committee with written testimony. (see exhibit 1) In addition, Mr. Flynn stated the commission has the authority to open, close, and set seasons and bag limits, responsibilities with respect to the management of the department land, and final authority on the budget. But as far as the actual day to day operation, the director is really the one who is in charge now, as opposed to pre 1977 legislation. These outfitters make up an advisory council, which lends the outfitter more service than a member on the committee. I think we should consider one or the other; an outfitter council, or a member on the committee.

ROBERT VAN DER VERE, Helena, said I don't want other outfits coming in and wanting to sit on this commission, especially special interest groups. If this bill goes through, don't be surprised if you have other special interest groups who want to jump on this too.

Rep. Iverson closed by stating I can't disagree that there is some value to an advisory council, but there is quite a difference between giving advice and punching the button. These people are interested in what they feel can help them protect their industry. I see no problem with putting a

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member of this industry on the commission. It could create a better understanding between the two groups. These are people with a financial interest. The bottom line is conservation and game management. These people spend their lives with the wildlife. They know what the game is doing. If you want to be sure that 50 years from now, you will have adequate numbers of game, the best thing to do is to listen to somebody who has a vested interest and who's livelihood depends on sound numbers.

Questions from committee. Rep. Veleber asked Mr. Ritter if he felt he had been treated unfairly by the commission. The reply was we are only an advisory council. They might listen, but they don't have to take any action on our advice. We are running up against a solid wall.

Rep. Hart asked Mr. Ritter if you had a choice of having a council or a member of the commission, which would you choose. The response was we don't think taking one away and giving us another would solve anything.

Rep. Daily said the person who has been the least represented is the sportsman. Do you think that we should amend this bill to include at least one sportsman. Rep. Iverson answered this is a matter of definition. I think we are all sportsmen. Every person on the commission right now is a sportsman.

Rep. Daily commented I can't see decisions being made to benefit a special interest group. A date changed for the opening of hunting season to benefit the outfitter and guide, may harm the average sportsman. Rep. Iverson replied I am looking at long range management.

Rep. Daily said decisions could be made to benefit their financial interest. Rep. Iverson said that is possible, but with only one vote, they are not going to run off with a fist full of money.

Rep. Devlin asked Mr. Flynn what the commissioners do for a living. The response was three are businessmen and the other is an insurance representative.

Mr. Holman commented I feel the relationship that has developed over the last two years with the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department is excellent. We do work together. The majority of outfitters in business are also landowners. We know what it is to feed 300 to 400 deer on our property. The outfitter that is in business and will continue in business has the knowledge of the land. If there is to be a continued income to him, he has to ensure the presence of wildlife.

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Rep. Ream asked Mr. Flynn what is the origin of the breakdown by districts. The reply was it was originated to come up with a geographic distribution between the urban, rural; north, south, east, west breakdown. They came up with seven members for seven administrative regions.

Chairman Nilson closed the hearing on House Bill 366 at 1:10 p.m.

HOUSE BILL 345

REPRESENTATIVE GARY SPAETH, District 71, Silesia, opened by stating this bill is introduced at the request of the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department. It allows for options in disposing of carcasses and sets up a reward program for those additional monies that are coming in from the program and the additional option.

PROPOSERS

JIM FLYNN, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, submitted copies of his testimony to committee members. (see exhibit 2)

KEN KNUTSON, Montana Wildlife Federation, submitted written testimony to committee members. (see exhibit 3)

TAG RITTER, Montana Outfitters and Guides, stood in support of House Bill 345, as a representative of his organization.

SMOKE ELSER, Missoula, said we need support for this legislation, for the greatest resource in Montana, our fish, game and wildlife.

DOUG DREESZEN, Billings, said the general sportsman in the State of Montana, is getting sick of the poaching tactics that are being used out there now. Other states are involved in this program, and it has been very successful. Crime stoppers are also experiencing a very high success rate.

BRUCE HIGHLAND, said conservation sees the wise use of natural resources. If there is a better method of disposal, I am all for it.

RALPH HOLMAN, McLeod, said the outfitters council is in unanimous support of this bill. We also are in support of a provision whereby the outfitters are held equally responsible with their clients if they do not report a violation of a client.

DUANE NIEL, strongly supported the bill for the above-stated reasons.

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ROBERT VAN DER VERE, Helena said I disagree with the part about the money. Now they want to give the money out to people for snitching on other people. They have received hundreds of calls on the toll free number. I believe if the Fish and Game Department is in such financial straights, they should use the money within the department.

Rep. Spaeth closed by saying the aspect about giving the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department greater options was one of the recommendations of the last legislative order. This is what the bill addresses. It is a good program, comparable to crime watchers.

Questions from committee. Rep. Mueller asked Mr. Flynn what is done with this money at the present time and how would you replace the money you would be taking away. The response was we would not be taking any money away from the system. The department, along with the wardens themselves, contribute to the retirement program. As an agency, we dedicate all of the fine money and confiscated meat sales money along with the license money. This source of income is not paying for all of the contribution to the wardens retirement system. We would make up the difference out of license revenue.

Rep. Ellison asked Mr. Flynn if we take this money out it will result in more license fee money going in. The answer was there is no fiscal impact on this bill.

Rep. Ryan asked Mr. Flynn what the reason is for so much illegal killing. The reply was it is a combination of economic conditions and the value of the sale of the animal killed.

Chairman Nilson closed the hearing on House Bill 345 at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Nilson introduced Mr. Donald L. Clayborn, Coordinator of Indian Affairs. Mr. Clayborn wrote Chairman Nilson a letter regarding the introduction of a committee bill concerning the possession of wild bird plumage (eagle feathers) by enrolled tribal members in the State of Montana. A copy of the letter is attached. (see exhibit 4) A form of what the tentative bill would look like was passed out to committee members. (see exhibit 5)

Questions from committee members. Rep. Devlin asked Mr. Clayborn why the tribe is asking to use parts other than the plumage. The response was we use all parts of the eagle as part of the dancing costume.

Rep. Hart asked Mr. Clayborn if eagles are the only birds they want to use. The answer was at this particular time, yes.

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There are other wild birds, but the eagle is a protected species. Any Native American who has an eagle feather on his dance costume is in violation of the law.

Rep. Ellison asked if there is any provision in the federal law to allow states to supersede that federal law on an individual species. Mr. Clayborn replied this in no way supersedes that federal statute. This brings the State of Montana in line with the federal statute, and in no way is it in conflict.

Rep. Jensen asked where these eagle feathers are obtained. Mr. Clayborn responded you make an application and request them from a clearing house in Idaho.

Mr. Flynn commented this issue was presented to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. We would have no opposition to the bill. We recognize the considerable value to tribal members, and we do not feel it would be abused. I would be surprised if you have any recognized opponents.

Rep. Muller asked Mr. Flynn if there would be any fiscal impact. The reply was I don't imagine there would be any.

Rep. Jensen requested that Dave Cogley, staff attorney be instructed to investigate the federal statutes, and if he finds problems, to bring that information back at our next meeting. If not, to prepare a bill draft request for our approval at the next meeting. He also requested a statement of intent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

HOUSE BILL 101

Rep. Devlin moved House Bill 101, DO PASS.

Rep. Devlin moved the amendments to House Bill 101, DO PASS.

Rep. Spaeth said over the last several weeks, the legislature has determined a percentage. I don't feel a percentage would be a good approach. I don't think the words primary and secondary are well defined. I would prefer not to tie the hands of the future legislature, let's let them decide.

Rep. Jensen said I don't like this bill even with the question of eliminating acquisition to a lesser degree.

Rep. Ellison said the department is concerned with the fact that when the legislature buys these sites, they don't take into consideration how much it takes to operate and maintain them. This bill assures maintenance and operating money for these sites.

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Rep. Jensen made a substitute motion, House Bill 101, DO NOT PASS, the motion passed 11 to 5, with Representatives Devlin, Ellison, Hanson, Ryan, and Swift voting no.

HOUSE BILL 104

Vice Chairman Spaeth explained the meaning of the data gathered on three categories of the cap., 20 million, 30 million, and 50 million dollars.

Rep. Daily moved House Bill 104, DO PASS.

Rep. Daily proposed and moved an amendment to House Bill 104, to raise the cap from 15 million to 20 million dollars, and to amend the title accordingly.

Rep. Jensen commented the bill is not prudent. I don't remember testimony on this bill concerning a problem with having more money than we could use appropriately.

Rep. Mueller said in future legislatures, we may find that our priorities have changed. The bigger the pot, the more reasons people can find to spend the money. We have fiscal responsibilities, we must have a limit on this fund. I feel that 20 million is a very reasonable sum.

Rep. Swift said we are not cutting anything off. We will experience no loss and give future legislatures more of an option.

Rep. Hart said I think 5% is a reasonable amount to allocate to cultural projects. If you put the remaining money into the general fund, it is just going to go to the pot and be spent regardless. The allocation for every category seems to be quite fair and equitable, and I hate to see part of that 5% go into the general fund for whatever they may need to use it for.

Rep. Spaeth said I basically think capping is a good idea, but I don't think we are taking a good action by dropping it in the laps of the next legislature. I don't think three weeks is a long enough period of time to make this decision. We should be taking a look at the overall progress. We don't have a problem right now, why change.

Rep. Nisbet commented I don't think we have the knowledge we need to put a cap on this.

Rep. Ream said we don't know what operations, maintenance, or development of the parks we have right now is going to cost.

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The motion to amend House Bill 104 to 20 million, failed 9 to 7, with Representatives Hart, Jensen, Manuel, Nisbet, Ream, Saunders, Veleber, Spaeth, and Nilson voting no.

Rep. Daily moved House Bill 104, DO NOT PASS, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



LES NILSON, Chairman



GARY SPAETH, Vice Chairman



Cheryl Fredrickson, secretary

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

VISITORS' REGISTER

HOUSE Fish and Game COMMITTEE

BILL 366

Date 1/27

SPONSOR Jurison

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUP-PORT	OP-POSE
<i>P. VanBerkem</i>	<i>Helena</i>	<i>Self</i>		X
<i>Bill Flynn</i>	<i>HELENA MT</i>	<i>DEPT FWP</i>		X
<i>TIG Bittel</i>	<i>WOLF CREEK</i>	<i>MONT OUTRITTER & GUIDES</i>		X
<i>Art Weikert</i>	<i>Augusta</i>	<i>outfitter - self</i>	Y	
<i>Tomko Elser</i>	<i>Missoula</i>	<i>self</i>	X	
<i>Bob Stephens</i>	<i>Dutton</i>	<i>self</i>	X	
<i>Bruce McPherson</i>	<i>Augusta</i>	<i>self</i>	X	
<i>Charles Dunn</i>	<i>Bejesta</i>	<i>Self</i>	X	
<i>McClendon</i>	<i>Helena</i>	<i>OFFICE of INDIAN AFF</i>		
<i>DOUG DREESLEN</i>	<i>BILLINGS</i>	<i>MONTANA CHAPTER - SCI</i>	X	
<i>Lee Barber</i>	<i>Augusta</i>	<i>self</i>	X	
<i>DENNIS JOERSON</i>	<i>Dist. 9</i>	<i>self</i>	X	

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Testimony presented by Jim Flynn, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

January 27, 1983

I appear here today in opposition to HB 366. At the present time Montana law provides for a Montana Outfitter Advisory Council. This Council is unique in our state's governmental process in that it's membership is not appointed by the Governor and yet it has a clear advisory role in the Department's activities.

This Council is composed of outfitters, elected to the Council by outfitters, and serving for specific terms of office. The Council elects it's own officers and Department personnel serve as the staff for Council business.

The Council has the authority and duty to make recommendations to the Director of the Department as to outfitter and guide standards, rules of procedure, hearings and proceedings, rules in the interest of both client and public for safeguarding their health, safety, and welfare.

The present Council/Department relationship is one which appears to be serving the public, the Outfitter Industry and our state's fish and wildlife resource well. The addition of the requirement for an outfitter to sit on the Commission would appear to do little to enhance this current situation.

On another note, I am concerned that specific requirements be put upon those sitting on the Commission. Those requirements frequently unduly restrict a Governor's ability to place citizens on these Commissions. If each constituency served by the Department were to have a representative on the Commission it would soon become a large and ineffective body.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that the present Council/Department process is working well. The Council members are each dedicated and knowledgeable people who are held in high esteem by the Department. I, as Director, have come to seek and respect their views and give serious consideration to all their views.

The outfitting industry does have a good voice now with respect to Department activities and we therefore would urge that HB 366 does not pass.

Testimony presented by Jim Flynn, Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

January 27, 1983

House Bill 345 addresses three subjects of interest to the Department. The first is the broadening of our options in disposing of carcasses acquired by the Department, the second is to clarify the need for valuable or trophy parts of those carcasses to be clearly identified and to clarify the Department's authority to donate wildlife parts to educational and charitable institutions, and the third is to establish a reward program to assist in the enforcement of our state's fish and game laws.

With respect to broadening our options in disposing of carcasses, the present law embodied in Section 4 on page 4 of HB 345 requires that those carcasses be given to state institutions, school lunch programs or the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

This present law causes difficulty in that frequently none of these entities wishes to receive the carcass. As a result we have no place to go. In addition, we frequently find that it costs more money to transport the carcass than it is worth.

The language proposed in HB 345 would allow us to consider other sources as recipients of these carcasses and additionally to dispose of them at auction if necessary.

With respect to the identification of trophy parts and clarifying that the Department may donate parts of wildlife to educational and charitable institutions, the language in Subsection 2 on pages 2 and 3 addresses our needs.

At present there is no clear requirement and authority for the marking of wildlife parts so that they can be traced if necessary to determine their origin. We feel that this language will aid in pinpointing the point of origin of wildlife parts and thus enable our enforcement efforts in this area.

In addition current law is not clear on the Department's authority to allow institutions, particularly educational institutions, to receive and utilize wildlife parts. The language before you clearly allows that action.

The final subject is the establishment of a reward program. This program has been a huge success in many of the other western states in getting concerned citizens involved in using a toll-free number to report violations involving our wildlife resources. If their information leads to an arrest or citation being issued, they become eligible for a reward.

MONTANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Testimony on HB 345

January 27, 1983

Mr. Chairman, members of the Fish and Game Committee:

My name is Ken Knudson, here today representing the Montana Wildlife Federation.

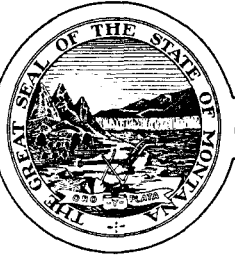
We strongly support this bill, particularly part 2 of Section 3 on page 4, which would establish a statewide reward program to encourage the reporting of violations of Fish and Game laws. Poaching is certainly an increasing problem, particularly with elk, moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goats.

We have all seen the benefits derived from similar types of programs, such as crimestoppers and the reporting of drunk drivers. MWF, for some time, has been interested in the establishment of this program and feels that monies derived from the sale of carcasses confiscated from poachers is a logical source of funding.

MWF would also like to thank Representative Spaeth for sponsoring this legislation.

STATE COORDINATOR OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Exhibit 4



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

CAPITOL STATION

STATE OF MONTANA

(406) 449-3111

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

January 26, 1983

Representative Les Nilson, Chairman
Fish and Game House Committee
Capitol Station
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Chairman Nilson:

I am writing to you in regards to an idea, originated by the tribes in Montana, concerning the possession of wild bird plumage (eagle feathers) by enrolled tribal members in the State of Montana.

I apologize for the lateness of this request. As you know, I have just recently been appointed and am learning the legislature's process. I have just completed meetings with all the tribal councils and am now formulating their priorities and putting their ideas into motion. Thus the lateness of this request for which I again apologize.

Please find enclosed a draft copy of the bill I hope you and your committee will discuss and consider favorably.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Clayborn".

DONALD L. CLAYBORN
Coordinator of Indian Affairs

DLC:jh

Enclosure

cc: Fish and Game Committee Members

Exhibit 5

INTRODUCED BY -----

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW ENROLLED MEMBERS OF INDIAN TRIBES TO POSSESS OR TRANSPORT PARTS OR PLUMAGE OF NON-GAME WILD BIRDS FOR RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL PURPOSES; AMENDING SECTION 87-5-201, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. 87-5-201, MCA is amended to read:

"87-5-201. Protection of wild birds and their nests and eggs. It is unlawful for a person to hunt, capture, kill, possess, purchase, offer or expose for sale, ships, or transport any wild bird, other than a game bird, or any part of the plumage, skin, or body of the bird, irrespective of whether the bird was captured, or killed within the state, or to take or destroy the nest or eggs of a wild bird, except under a certificate, falconer's license, or permit issued by director. This section does not apply to (1) the hunting, trapping, or killing of house sparrows, crows, starlings, rock doves, blackbirds, magpies and other birds the department designates or to the taking or destruction of their nests and eggs; (2) the possession or transportation for religious or cultural purposes of parts or plumage of wild birds by enrolled members of federally recognized Indian Tribes or the state recognized Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana when such members have in their possession, while possessing or transporting the parts or plumage, documentation of enrollment acceptable under rules of the department. The department shall adopt rules designating the documentation acceptable to demonstrate enrollment. This subsection does not authorize hunting, trapping, or killing of wild birds.

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Gerry

I looked over HB101 amendments. They follow the priorities we've asked for
1) operations 2) development
3) acquisition. If the legislature follows our suggestion in our current budget request then making it effective on passage on July 1 would not upset the apple cart. This is because we've got our request structured 1.) O+M 2.) Dev 3.) Acq. - Thank you again for calling

Bob Holiday

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name DOUG DREESZEN Committee On HB-345
Address 421 SLOAN LN. Date 1/27/83
Representing MONTANA CHAPTER SCI Support X
Bill No. HB-345 Oppose _____
Amend _____

AFTER TESTIFYING, PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

1. MONTANA CHAPTER, SAFARI CLUB INT'L IS IN CONTACT WITH A LOT OF SPORTSMEN AND IT IS TIME THAT THE "SLOB" HUNTER PAYS FOR HIS ACTIONS. SPORTSMEN ARE IN SUPPORT OF SUCH A PROGRAM.
2. THAT THE PROGRAM AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, WILL BE SET UP LIKE THE "CRIMESTOPPERS" PROGRAM OF SEVERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, WHICH IS KNOWN TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL.
3. GAME VIOLATIONS ARE OUT OF HAND AND THIS PROGRAM WILL HELP THE ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE OF FWP COUNTER ACT THESE PROBLEMS.
4. THE GENERAL SPORTSMAN OF MONTANA IS HONEST, AND TIRED OF PAYING THE PRICE OF BEING TERMED WITH SLOB TYPE HUNTERS, LAWBREAKERS WOULD BE EASER ARRESTED AND LARGED.

Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.

NAME: TAG RITTEL DATE: _____

ADDRESS: WOLF CREEK MT.

PHONE: 235-4330

REPRESENTING WHOM? MONTANA OUTFITTERS & GUIDES ASSOC.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HB 366

DO YOU: SUPPORT? AMEND? _____ OPPOSE? _____

COMMENTS: M.O.G.A. Supports 366 - WE ARE PART
OF 1. BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF
MONTANA. 3RD LARGEST INDUSTRY. WE ALL ARE
INTERESTED IN THE WILDLIFE AND FISHING IN MONT.
IF WE WEREN'T WE WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF
BUSINESS LONG TIME AGO. I MIGHT ADD THAT
OUTFITTING IS ONE OF THE OLDEST INDUSTRIES
IN MONT. WE FEEL WE HAVE ALOT OF
VALUABLE INPUT AND INFORMATION FOR
A MEMBER OF THE FISH & GAME
COMMISSION.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

WITNESS STATEMENT

Name Smoke Elser Committee On _____
Address 3800 Rattlesnake Dr. Miss Date 1/27 83
Representing S P/S Support X
Bill No. 366 Oppose _____
Amend _____

AFTER TESTIFYING, PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

1. Third largest industry in Montana
1 Billion
2. 18.4 % of Montana income
3. Outsiders have been in the fish & game
~~to~~ industry as long or longer than the state
department
4. The commission rules our industry

Itemize the main argument or points of your testimony. This will assist the committee secretary with her minutes.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 27,

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MR. SPEAKER:.....

We, your committee on FISH AND GAME.....

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 101

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF INTEREST EARNINGS FROM THE PARKS AND CULTURAL TRUST FUND; AMENDING SECTION 15-35-108, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 23-1-108, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 101

~~DO NOT PASS~~
DO NOT PASS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

January 27

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MR. SPEAKER:

FISH AND GAME

We, your committee on.....

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 104

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO LIMIT ALLOCATIONS TO
THE PARKS AND CULTURAL TRUST FUND TO \$15 MILLION; AMENDING
SECTION 15-35-108, MCA."

Respectfully report as follows: That..... HOUSE Bill No. 104

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DO PASS
DO NOT PASS