

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE, & PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS T. WAGNER**, on January 23, 1997, at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312-1.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Douglas T. Wagner, Chairman (R)  
Rep. William Rehbein, Jr., Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. Emily Swanson, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Shiell W. Anderson (R)  
Rep. Haley Beaudry (R)  
Rep. Marian W. Hanson (R)  
Rep. Hal Harper (D)  
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)  
Rep. Dick Knox (R)  
Rep. Rod Marshall (R)  
Rep. Robert J. "Bob" Pavlovich (D)  
Rep. Bob Raney (D)  
Rep. Robert R. "Bob" Ream (D)  
Rep. Paul Sliter (R)  
Rep. Bill Tash (R)  
Rep. Allan Walters (R)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Brad Molnar  
Rep. Diane Sands

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division  
Alberta Strachan, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 236 (1/13/97); HB 212  
(1/10/97)  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 236**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** REP. BOB RANEY, H.D. 26 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 1A through 1I.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 1.8.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Wayne Hirst, Montana State Parks Foundation.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 18.6.}

REP. LARRY GRINDE, H.D. 94.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 23.9.}

George Ochenski, Montana State Parks Foundation.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.2.}

Opponents' Testimony:

Patrick Graham, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.  
EXHIBIT 2A through 2B; 3A through 2F.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.1.}

Mike Penfold, Montana State Parks Association.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.7.}

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 42.9.}

Ken Hoovestal, Montana Snowmobiling Association.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: .7.}

Roger Larsen, Walleyes Unlimited.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.7.}

Informational Testimony: None.  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.8.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:  
{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. RANEY closed on the bill.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.7.}

HEARING ON HB 212

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BOB RANEY, H.D. 26 introduced the bill.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.8.}

Proponents' Testimony:

REP. JOHN MERCER, H.D. 74.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 21.9.}

Wayne Hirst, Montana State Parks Foundation.  
{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 25.8.}

George Ochenski, Montana State Parks Foundation.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

**Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 28.5.}

**REP. RANEY** supplied oral testimony from **James Kembel, City of Billings.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.4.}

**Opponents' Testimony:**

**Larry Brown, Agricultural Preservation Association.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 30.8.}

**MIke Penfold, Montana State Parks Association.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 34.4.}

**John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrower's Association.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 38.6.}

**Informational Testimony:**

**Tom Butler, Trust Lands Attorney, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 41.1.}

**Patrick Graham, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.**

**EXHIBIT 4.**

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 3.5.}

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:**

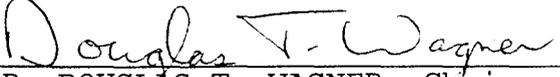
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**Closing by Sponsor:** **REP. RANEY** closed on the bill.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 24.2.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:45 P.M.

  
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REP. DOUGLAS T. WAGNER, Chairman

  
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ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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