

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE, & PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS T. WAGNER**, on March 4, 1997,
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 325.

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. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Robert J. "Bob" Pavlovich (D)
Rep. Bob Raney (D)
Rep. Robert R. "Bob" Ream (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter (R)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)
Rep. Allan Walters (R)
Rep. Jack Wells (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 42 (2/26/97); SB 149
(2/26/97).

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. AL BISHOP, S.D. 9 introduced
the bill.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Patrick Graham, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. EXHIBIT 1, 2, 3, 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.0; Comments: Mr. Graham provided written testimony; proposed amendments; a chart on the habitat of Montana; and conservation easements with inception to date.}

Jim Richards, Montana Wildlife Federation.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.4.}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.9.}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 14.0.}

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BISHOP closed on the bill.

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HEARING ON SB 149

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. AL BISHOP, S.D. 9 introduced the bill. EXHIBIT 5A through 5B.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 26.7; Comments: Sen. Bishop provided articles from the Montana Standard, January 24, 1997 regarding crowded waterways and Senate bills could leave mark on Montana recreation.}

Proponents' Testimony:

Robin Cunningham, Montana River Action Network. EXHIBITS 6, 7.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 6.1; Comments: Mr. Cunningham provided written testimony and questions and answers regarding this bill.}

Land Lindbergh, Big Blackfoot Valley resident. EXHIBIT 8.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.6.}

Dianne McDermid, Medicine River Canoe Club. EXHIBIT 9, 10.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.8; Comments: Ms. McDermid provided written testimony and an excerpt from the 1996 Smith River Management Plan.}

Peter Funk, Montana Council of Trout Unlimited.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 22.1.}

Hank Goetz, Blackfoot River area resident.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 0.6.}

Jim McDermand, Quiet Waters.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 2.4.}

Tony Schoonen, Anaconda Sportsmen's Association. EXHIBIT 11, 12.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 3.5; Comments: Mr. Schoonen provided written testimony and information on government structure and administration.}

Steve Luebeck, George Grant Trout Unlimited.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 6.0.}

Paul Roos, Helena resident.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 8.0.}

Tony Shoonen, Jr., Missoula Wildlife Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 13.4.}

Jim Richard, Montana Wildlife Federation.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.3.}

Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Legislative Fund. EXHIBIT 13.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 16.5.}

Opponents' Testimony:

REP. JOE QUILICI, H.D. 36.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Dale Malyevac, Butte resident. EXHIBIT 14, 15 (A1-A25).

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 19.7; Comments: Mr. Malyevac presented written testimony and 25 pages of signatures from sportsmen opposing this bill.}

Vince Fischer, Skyline Sportsmen's Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 27.3.}

Danny McClafferty, Butte resident. EXHIBIT 16 (A1-A164).

{Tape: 2; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.4; Comments: Mr. McClafferty presented 164 pages of signatures from sportsmen opposing this bill.}

Sam Babich, Montana Action For Access.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 0.8.}

Bob Carlson, Butte resident.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.0.}

Bob Fisher, Butte resident.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 1.7.}

Mike Murphy, Water Resources Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 2.6.}

Holly Frantz, Tee Bar Ranch Co.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 4.8.}

Pat Seccomb, Butte Resident. EXHIBIT 17, 18 (A1-A9).

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 5.9; Comments: Mr. Seccomb provided written testimony and 9 pages of signatures from sportsmen opposing this bill.}

Pat McClafferty, Butte resident. EXHIBIT 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 (A1-A90).

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 9.4; Comments: Mr. McClafferty provided written testimony; written testimony part 2; Montana Standard, January 24, 1997 article regarding crowded waterways, state looking at more rules for recreational use; a copy of the fiscal note; and 90 pages of signatures from sportsmen opposing this bill.}

Bruce Penicich, Beaverhead, Big Hole and Jefferson River recreationalist.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 10.6.}

REP. ROBERT PAVLOVICH, H.D. 37. EXHIBIT 24, 25, 26.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 11.5; Comments: Rep. Pavlovich provided written testimony from Bill Melvin, District 9 Commissioner, Butte-Silver Bow County; and Edith McClafferty, District 4 Commissioner, Butte-Silver Bow County; Tom Sullivan, Butte resident.}

Tom Louis Rivenis, Big Hole recreationalist.

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Charley Beck, Big Hole recreationalist.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 13.9.}

Tim Sullivan, Skyline Sportsmen's Association.

{Tape: 2; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.9.}

CHAIRMAN WAGNER provided written testimony from Bill Melvin, District 9 Commissioner, Butte-Silver Bow County. **EXHIBIT 27.**

Informational Testimony:

Patrick Graham, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. EXHIBIT 28.

{Tape: ; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.6.}

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

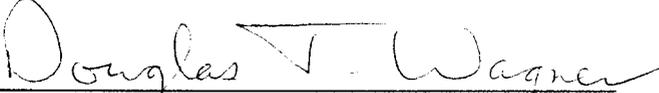
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Closing by Sponsor: SEN. BISHOP closed on the bill.

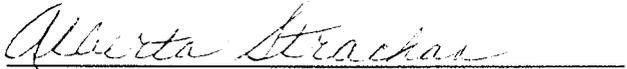
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:35 P.M.



REP. DOUGLAS T. WAGNER, Chairman



ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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