

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS T. WAGNER**, on April 8, 1997,  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312-2.

**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. 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:** Rep. Dick Knox

**Members Absent:** None.

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

HEARING(S) & DATE(S) POSTED: SB 394 (3/26/97)  
Executive Action: SB 394

**HEARING ON SB 394**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** SEN. REINY JABS, S.D. 3 introduced  
the bill.

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Proponents' Testimony:

David Simpson, Vice-Chairman, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission. EXHIBIT 1.

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Patrick Graham, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks. EXHIBITS 2, 3, 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 15.9; Comments: Mr. Graham provided written testimony; a summary of SB 394; the current and proposed changes in this legislation.}

Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters Association. EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: 1; Approx. Time Count: 29.8; Comments: Ms. Johnson provided a synopsis of what this bill would give the current Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission authority to do.}

Brett Brownscombe, Montana Wildlife Federation.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 14.9.}

Charlie Decker, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 18.4.}

Opponents' Testimony:

CHAIRMAN WAGNER provided EXHIBITS 6 and 7.

{Tape: 1; Side: 2; Approx. Time Count: 19.8; Comments: Testimony was provided from John Fanta and Jerry Strong.}

Informational Testimony: None.

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

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

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 394

Motion: REP. SWANSON MOVED SB 394 BE CONCURRED IN.

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Discussion:

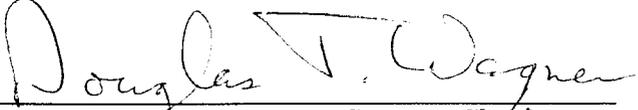
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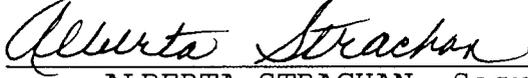
Vote: Question was called. Motion carried 15-4 on a roll call vote with REPS. WAGNER, MOLNAR, SLITER and WELLS voting no and REPS. PAVLOVICH, MARSHALL, RANEY, SLITER, KNOX and HIBBARD voting by proxy.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

  
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REP. DOUGLAS T. WAGNER, Chairman

  
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ALBERTA STRACHAN, Secretary

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