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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Ream, on January 26th 1989,
at 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All with exception of:

Members Excused: Rep. Elliott, Rep. Gervais, Rep. Eudaily

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Doug Sternberg, Legislative Council and
Maureen Cleary, Committee Secretary

Announcements/Discussion: Chairman Ream: Executive action will not be taken on House Bill 246 today due to the request of the sponsor for extended time. Also, to the spectators present that the Committee does not allow loud comments, criticisms or any kind of disruptive behavior during the committee meetings.

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 246

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ELLISON: House District #81. Strike the animals listed, deer, antelope, moose, sheep, goat and other game animals. This bill is only preventing archery hunt to elk. Rep. Ellison read a portion of the text of the study done by the Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. Archery is growing at a tremendous rate since it was first established in the state in 1968. We are running into opposition between bow hunters and the rifle hunters. I thought it was wise to do something about this before it progresses to the stage that happened between the sportsman and the landowners. We let that situation get out of hand and I don't know that we will ever solve that problem. I would like to do something about this problem before it gets worse.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group They Represent:

none

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

Mr. Ron Marcoux/ Dept. Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena

Mr. Arnie Olson/ Dept. Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Helena (See Exhibits #1,2,3)

Mr. Buddy Lundstrom/ Pres. Bow Hunters Assoc.(See Exhibit #4)

Rep. Grady/ Helena

Mr. Jeff Welsh/ Licensed Taxidermist,CPTA

Mr. Ed Deal/ sporting goods retailer (See Exhibit #28)

Mr. Greg Munther/ Missoula (See Exhibit #5)

Mr. Charles Brooks/ Montana Retailers Assoc. (See Exhibit #6)

Mr. Bill Walton/ Montana Bow Hunters Assoc. (See Exhibit #7)

Mr. John Underwood/ self (See Exhibit #33)

Mr. Dick Roberts/ Hamilton

Mr. Dick Solom/ Silverbow Archery Club, MT. Bowhunters Assoc. (See Exhibits #9,10,11)

Mr. Cal Bennett/ AAA Archery, Helena (See Exhibit #21)

Ms. Julie Hacker/ self,landowner (See Exhibit #25)

Ms. Jan Hammer/ self sportswoman, Helena

Mr. Douglas Newberry/ hunter,outdoorsman, small businessman, Great Falls (See Exhibit #12)

Mr. Charles Crowell/ outdoorsman, hunter and small businessman, Great Falls (See Exhibit #13)

Mr. Art Swetye/ co-owner of Archery Center, Bozeman (See Exhibit #14)

Mr. Monty Moravec/ self, Missoula (See Exhibit #15)

Mr. Joe Frazier/ MT. Bowhunters Assoc., Lewistown Bowhunters Assoc., Lewistown (See Exhibit #16)

Mr. Bill Haslip/ Vice-Pres., Lewis and Clark Archery

Mr. Steven Carkeek/ American Chemet Corp., Helena

Mr. Mike Ellig/ hunter, member of MTA, Montana Archery Association, Bozeman (See Exhibit #18)

Mr. George Lane/ hunter, member of the Mont. Archery Assoc, past instructor

Mr. Gary Clutter/ Mont. Bowhunter Assoc., Black Ram Bow Club, Bozeman (See Exhibit #19)

Mr. Paul Brunner/ Ovando (See Exhibit #32)

Mr. Ray Pellen/ Pres. Lewis and Clark Archers (See Exhibit #31)

Residents of Great Falls/Malstrom Air Force Base Employees (See Exhibit #30)

Mr. Jim Kyle/ Bowhunters Assoc., Great Falls (See Exhibit #29)

Mr. Ron Roman/ (See Exhibit #26)

Ms. Karen Brunner/ self, Ovando (See Exhibit #24)

Mr. Don Laubach/ Upper Yellowstone Rod and Gun Club, Gardiner (See Exhibit #22)

Mr. Guy Hughes/ self, Helena (See Exhibit #20)

Testimony:

All testimony presented above should be referred to as Exhibit numbers listed with exception of:

Rep. Grady addressed the Committee speaking as a landowner and representing the Grady Ranch in Canyon Creek stating that he has allowed hunting on his land for many years and has found none of the bow hunters to be a problem. In fact, he stated, they are more considerate. Walkers and leave fewer wounded animals than rifle hunters. He stated he felt it was important for him to take a stand for the bow hunters, and if the impact of bow hunting on elk is here, he has noticed

little if any problems.

Mr. Jeff Welsh noted that he was opposed to the bill on the basis of the economic impact it would have on those involved.

Mr. Dick Roberts commented to the Committee that he was totally opposed to the bill as it is presented. Appreciating Rep. Ellison concerns, he felt that something could be worked out between the opposing sides.

Ms. Jan Hamer addressed the Committee stating she is licensed to harvest one elk. What difference does it make if I harvest that elk during archery season or during rifle season?

Mr. Bill Haslip addressed the Committee stating the bill will transport more "slob" hunters into the rifle area.

Mr. Carkeek addressed the Committee, presenting them with a list of employees from the American Chemet Corp. that oppose the bill.

Mr. George Lane commented to the Committee that "we need more education not legislation...if we need to make education of the bow hunter mandatory, no matter how long he has been hunting, then let's do so."

Questions From Committee Members:

REP. ELLISON: Where did you get your figures for your survey? MR. MARCOUX: The figures are taken from actual licenses purchased and from telephone surveys.

REP. KASTEN: I understand that there is some animosity between the rifle and bow hunters, where is it? REP. ELLISON: The secret of that is that you don't cry unless your hurt. REP. KASTEN: Is it possible, looking at the statistics, that 90% are both bow and rifle hunters. That it is like Pogo said "we have met the enemy and they are us!"

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. ELLISON: If I have done nothing else but encourage the Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to do an indepth study on this. Then I have accomplished my goal.

CHAIRMAN REAM: stated to the Committee that they will take executive action next week on this bill at the request of the sponsor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 4:20 p.m.



REP. BOB REAM, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

FISH AND GAME

COMMITTEE

51st Session - Legislative Council

date January, 26th

(HB 246)

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Bob Ream, Chairman	✓		
Jim Elliott, Vice-Chair			✓
Robert Blotkamp	✓		
Ben Cohen	✓		
Fritz Daily			
Gene DeMars	✓		
Bob Pavlovich Bob Gervais			✓
Bob Raney	✓		
Bill Strizich			
Roger DeBruycker	✓		
Orval Ellison	✓		
Ralph Eudaily			✓
Marian Hanson	✓		
Betty Lou Kasten	✓		
Vernon Keller	✓		
John Phillips	✓		

EFFECTS OF ARCHERY HUNTING ON ELK MANAGEMENT IN MONTANA



EXHIBIT 01
DATE 1/26
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Report to the Fifty-first Montana Legislature
Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

January, 1989

Wildlife Division



*Montana Department of
Fish, Wildlife & Parks*

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January 26, 1989

EXHIBIT 02
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Testimony presented by Ron Marcoux, Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

Montana hunters currently enjoy considerable freedom of choice and abundant recreational opportunity available no where else in the lower 48 states. This general quality of life contributes significantly to the reasons many Montanans live in this state.

One of the significant impacts of HB 246 would be the loss of hunting opportunity for Montana sportsmen. An estimated 135,300 days of hunting recreation would be lost for elk alone based on 8.2 days per archery elk hunter annually. This does not include recreation loss for all other species. In a recent department survey, expanded hunter opportunity was listed as one of the top three reasons why people enjoy archery hunting. This same survey indicated 83% of all archers, 92% of whom were also rifle hunters, oppose the "either/or" choice of weapons as embodied in this legislation.

Bowhunting is generally a low impact type of use of the resource. For example, in 1987 22,000 archers took 850 elk with a success rate of 6% while 93,000 rifle hunters took 15,507 elk with a 16% success rate. In reviewing the various studies in the western states, there is currently no concrete evidence of wildlife distributional or biological impacts due to activity during the special archery season. *comment: "studies are limited in this area"*

Other states such as Colorado and New Mexico saw reductions in archery recreation of 50 and 80 percent, respectively, in implementing choose-your-weapons laws.

If we use the assumption that 75 percent of the 22,000 current archery hunters would opt for the rifle season if given a choice, we will expect to see revenue losses between \$120,000 and \$160,000 to the department and economic impacts to sporting goods businesses. A bio-economic survey recently completed by the department showed resident Montana bowhunters alone spent an estimated \$6.8 million on food, transportation and equipment associated with archery hunting.

The department's survey of other states on this issue has indicated the controversy that led to the conversion to "choose your weapon" seasons was based on social issues and perceptions rather than reality or fact. The changes have not improved hunter congestion problems and have increased conflicts among users.

Given the negative recreational and economic impacts this bill would have on Montanans, the department recommends against passage of HB 246.

EXHIBIT #03
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RIFLE VS ARCHERY HUNTING FACT SHEET

SPECIES	NUMBER HUNTERS	HUNTER DAYS	TOTAL HARVEST <BULLS>	% SUCCESS

ELK				

RIFLE	92960	723982	15187 <8835>	16
ARCHERY	14606	119176	850 <511>	6
DEER				

RIFLE	151746	1011149	103835	59
ARCHERY	13606	115062	2478	9
ANTELOPE				

RIFLE	39101	107099	39283	77
ARCHERY	1827	6511	301	15



Montana Bowhunters Association

Buddy Lundstrom, President

Box 1119

Malta, Montana 59538

EXHIBIT 04

DATE 1/24

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Telephone: Shop (406) 654-1041 — 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Home (406) 654-2167 — After 8:00 p.m.

**MONTANA
BOWHUNTERS
ASSOCIATION
STAND ON
H.B. 246**

TESTIMONY TO HOUSE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE ON HB 246

BY BUDDY LUNDSTROM, PRESIDENT MONTANA BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Chairman, committee members.

The Montana Bowhunters Association would like to go on the record as opposing House bill number 246. The choose your weapon bill.

The major reasons for our opposition are,

1- Loss of opportunity

2- Economic loss

I will talk about loss of opportunity first. As most of you will see as you read through the "EFFECTS OF ARCHERY HUNTING ON ELK MANAGEMENT IN MONTANA" booklet Montana has one of the most liberal archery seasons in North America. As well as the second largest number of elk archery hunters of any state or province in 1986. Even though Montana does offer an excellent opportunity for archers our effect on the resource is minimal. In 1986 93,436 rifle hunters pursued elk in Montana, of these hunters 19,157 harvested an elk. This is a success rate of 21%. In the same year 12,679 archers hunted elk. Of these 738 harvested an elk for a success rate of 6%. The number of elk harvested were less than 4% of the total elk harvest in that year even though we were 12% of the total number of elk hunters in that same year. From 1981 to 1986 the number of elk rifle hunters has increased by 5,283. The success for these same hunters has increased by 6,289. From 1981 to 1986 the number of archery elk hunters has increased by 3,416, yet our harvest success has only increased by 368 animals. Our increase in success is only 6% of the increase of the rifle harvest.

Many people have stated that the increasing number of archers are having an impact on the resource. I would hope these figures will help to quiet some of these rumors. If you read through the completed archery survey you will see that the increase of archers in Montana has continued to grow, but yet our success is still but a small percentage of the rifle hunters.

In 1984 a survey was conducted in region 6 on the number of recreation hours spent to harvest an elk. In district 622 rifle hunters spent an average of 3 1/2 days to harvest an elk while archers spent an average of 110 days to harvest an elk. Did you know that there were nearly as many elk taken with a rifle checked through the Gallatin F.W.P check station in 1988 as was the total archery elk harvest in Montana?

I guess that no one questions that a hunter equipped with a bow is much less likely to harvest an elk than a hunter equipped with gun. My question then is why the restriction? The facts show that archers have minimal effect on the resource, yet the recreation hours spent far outnumber that of a rifle hunter. In the recently completed archery survey it states that 84% of the bowhunters in Montana oppose an either-or season. Surveys of other states show that as many as 80% of the archers in the state will quit bowhunting in the advent of an either-or. These hunters will not quit hunting but will pick up a gun and be far more successful and have a much greater impact on the resource.

Our other reason for opposing this restriction would be economic. Although there are many people here today that will be able to tell about this from a retailers aspect I would like to briefly comment on this.

According to the archery survey the average resident archer spends \$312.00 in pursuit of his favorite game animal. In 1987 there was 22,037 archery stamps sold in Montana, this would mean that archers spent \$6,875,544.00 in pursuit of big game. This does not even take into consideration that the non-resident archer will probably hire an outfitter and rent motel rooms. There were 6,062 non-resident archers in 1987. If you figure that the average non-resident is spending an additional \$500.00 each that is another \$3,031,000.00 for a total spent by bowhunters of \$9,906,544.00. If 13,000 of the archers in 1987 were elk hunters they would have spent \$4,772.00 for each of the 850 elk harvested in 1987. This money is not only for archery tackle but also goes towards gas, food and lodging. Are you willing to give up \$10,000,000.00 pumped into Montana's economy even though we probably harvest fewer animals than are poached or run over on the highway.

There are many arguments for either-or, some will say the number of archers are increasing way to fast. I contribute the increase in the number of hunters partially to the fact that it is getting harder to draw a license to hunt an elk with a gun. By allowing bowhunting the disgruntled rifle hunter will at least get an opportunity to hunt for that elusive wapiti even though his odds are far less for success with a bow. This is the person that losses in either-or. The survey states that 92% of archers also hunt with a gun. I prefer to look at this as 20% of rifle hunters also hunt with a bow. For persons like myself an amended either-or would not have a great deal of effect, I would still be able to enjoy the opportunities that I currently have. The point to consider is that I have had over 15 years to decide that I want to hunt only with a bow. What of the person

who has not had the opportunity to try both methods of hunting? Odds are they will never try. Archery is a difficult and challenging yet rewarding sport. Success is low yet spirits are high. Many years have gone by that I have had unfilled tags at the end of the season. Had I not had a chance to enjoy hunting both with a gun and a bow I might never have had the chance to experience the thrill of harvesting a big game animal with a bow. Now that I have been successful in taking several species of big game animals with a bow I have no compelling desire to use a rifle. But I do not want to needlessly outlaw other hunters of the same opportunities that I have had.

Most of you are probably from families that hunt and can appreciate the atmosphere of hunting camp. The thrill of your sons first time in camp. Or even your memories of your first time in camp with family and friends. We all know there is far more to hunting than the harvest of an animal. An either-or season could ruin this for many families. Bowhunting can be a very physical sport and many older people will choose to hunt with a gun because they are much surer of success. What happens in the case of a family where the grandfather hunts with a gun and the son and grandson hunt with a bow? Either the grandfather gives up hunting or the son takes up a gun to hunt with his dad. In a sport that has so little impact on the resource is this necessary?

Since this bill was introduced I have received nearly as many phone calls as I did when the season was temporarily closed because of the drought last year. And believe me that's a lot of phone calls. 99% of these calls have been opposed to any form of either or in Montana. I spoke to the Billings rod and gun club last Friday night dealing with the

legislature. The most time was spent on this bill. When I made mention of compromise I nearly got lynched. The club was very adamant on there opposition to any form of either or in Montana. Our organization has just completed a survey of our membership and our results are over 70% against any form of either-or.

I hope that each and every one of you will take the time to read the archery survey in front of you. I am sure that when you do you will agree that there is absolutely no need for either-or in Montana at this time.

On a lighter side if this bill were to pass there would be a few thousand of us out there unable to hunt after October 15th. Can you imagine living with a hunt-aholic who couldn't hunt? Imagine the divorce rate among bowhunters. It takes about a month now for my wife to get used to me moping around the house complaining because the season is over for another year.

I hope that as you consider this bill you will look at the facts, and then vote NO on House bill number 246. H.B.246 would only change low impact bowhunters into high impact rifle hunters. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you.

Buddy Lunsford

EXHIBIT 05
DATE 1/26/88
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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME FREG MUNTHER BUDGET _____

ADDRESS Box 8208, MISSOULA, MT 59807

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? self

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND X

COMMENTS: Comments & testimony submitted.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

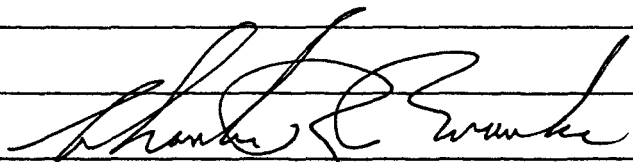
NAME Charles R. Brooks BUDGET HIS 246

ADDRESS 318 N. Last Chance Gulch Helena

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Montana Retail Assoc.

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS: This bill will Reduce The
number of Hunters with Bow and
arrow. Since it is so Restricted To
Special Season; most Hunters will
forego special permit and go for
a permit to Hunt with rifle.
This a major concern to sporting
goods stores as the sales of Bow and
arrow equipment will be reduced.
Sales Loss of this type of Equip could
very well equal 75% -
Loss of Sales Revenue
Loss of jobs
Loss of Revenue To Fish & Game
Loss of Revenue To State of Montana



PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

EXHIBIT 07
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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Bill Watton BUDGET _____

ADDRESS 5252 Blackwood Rd.

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Montana Bowhunters Assoc.

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS: We are in the midst of an extensive

Elk management plan. To implement any
outside restrictions now would be premature.
Preliminary studies show that Archery hunting
has no biological effect on Elk hinds or their
rutting cycle.

Also young hunters would be severely
limited in their recreational opportunities
by this bill. Bowhunter education is currently
giving young bowhunters a good start on a lifetime
sport let's not legislate this away from them

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

"Either/Or"

A State By State History

Either/Or

STATE	% DECREASE	INTRODUCED
KANSAS	No way of comparison.	1965
COLORADO	Resident archers — 77% from 1973-1974 (16,000 at present). Non-Residents — increased until they outnumbered residents (elk). A loss of over 7000 archers. Archery license sales dropped 43% first year, continued to decrease through 1976 with total decrease of 73% over 3 years.	1974
OREGON	License sales decreased 80% immediately.	1976-elk 1979-all species
NEW MEXICO	Bowhunting — 52% Muzzleloading — 50%	1976
NEVADA	Not available.	1976
WASHINGTON	Not available.	1984

Reasons for instigation of E/O from above states:

1. relieve hunter pressure,
2. weed out novice bowhunters,
3. weed out slob bowhunters,
4. increase number of bowhunters, decrease number of gun hunters,
5. make hunting safer,
6. increase number of muzzleloader hunters,
7. reduce wildlife harassment and
8. keep hunters out of the woods when cattle are grazing.

Actual results:

1. decreased bow hunters-increased gun hunters,
2. decreased recreation opportunity,
3. American Archery Council fears it will eventually decrease total numbers of hunters,
4. decreases revenue for wildlife habitat, hunter education, etc.

Editor's Note: This article by Jennifer Hensley, a bowhunter and hunter safety instructor in Virginia, has been in the works for some time. It is written in her own words and is the product of a significant amount of research on her part.

Just as we be accused of calling attention to a false issue, I should note that either/or has probably been brought up for discussion in your state . . . and you are probably not even aware of it. For instance Oklahoma Department of Conservation Game Division Chief Byron Moser told *Archery World* that it was a group of landowners hoping to reduce overall hunting pressure in areas where no strong trespass law was on the books who began talking either/or in his state.

It is the opinion of this magazine that either/or is an ill-conceived plan for accomplishing questionable objectives; that adoption is counter-productive and that results run counter to theory. Either/or is a disaster not only for the sport and the business, but for all of us as bowhunters, gun hunters and sportsmen.

Richard Sapp
Editor
Archery World

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EXHIBIT 10
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Table 3. Responses of licensed archers to a series of proposed management actions which would alter the archery program somewhat in Montana.

Management Action Answer	% Of Respondents			
	Favor	Oppose	No Opinion	No Answer
Require hunters to choose to hunt by either rifle or archery.	12	(83)	2	2
Archers could hunt only one species each year.	3	(93)	2	2
Archers could hunt all species but only hunt one district.	8	(85)	5	2
Increase the Archery license \$20 to limit number of hunters.	16	(75)	6	2
Increase the Archery license to \$8 and dedicate \$2 for wildlife habitat.	67	23	7	3
Limit archery licenses and issue by drawing.	3	(93)	2	2
Shorten archery season by two weeks.	3	(90)	3	3
Lengthen archery season by two weeks.	(52)	33	12	3
Shorten season by one week and have two week break in season.	17	(70)	11	3
Require all hunters to purchase licenses before season.	53	45		3

INSTRUCTOR NOTEBOOK

EXHIBIT #11
DATE 1/26/89
#B 246.



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Instructor Notebook

UPDATE BULLETIN NO. 12

REGARDING THE "EITHER/OR" ISSUE

#1 — DEFINITION: Being required to make a choice between hunting a given species with a rifle or bow. Not being permitted to hunt it with both weapons in any one hunting year.

#2 — WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THIS CONCEPT IS INSTITUTED:

- Decreases the number of bowhunters.
- Increases the number of gun hunters.
- Eventually will decrease the total number of hunters.

#3 — WHY ALL BOWHUNTERS SHOULD BE OPPOSED TO THE CONCEPT.

- A. In New Mexico the number of bowhunters decreased 52% the first year, the number of muzzleloaders decreased 50%. Hunters will nearly always choose the more efficient firearm when forced to make a choice over the two.
- B. Sportsmen's organizations will decline in number and in membership, with the resultant loss of lobbying power.
- C. Sporting Goods Dealers will cease to carry full-lines of archery and muzzleloading equipment due to the decrease in demand and the significant cost per square foot of their selling space. This will further accelerate the decrease in numbers of minority hunters . . . bow and muzzleloader alike.
- D. Manufacturers will experience an immediate decrease of sales and with the resultant decrease in research and development funds, will no longer be able to or be encouraged to introduce new products. The remaining bowhunters and muzzleloaders will, therefore, be deprived of new technological advances in their equipment and will soon lose interest in the sports.
- E. A reduction in federal excise tax revenues will result. Over \$10,000,000 each year is collected in federal excise tax monies for use in outdoor recreation and wildlife and habitat management programs from the sales of archery equipment. A 50% reduction in the number of bowhunters as occurred in New Mexico will immediately cut this in half.
- F. An undesirable effect on benefits to bowhunters is certain. Hunters participate about 20 days on the average hunting per year and spend about \$280 to \$300. When these averages are multiplied by the 1,250,000 bowhunters in America the effects upon the quality of human life and the economic impact should be evident.

UPDATE BULLETIN NO. 12

- G. **It will prevent many bowhunters from ever trying bowhunting.** About 1 out of every 5 American men hunt. Conceivably Either/Or could deprive a great many Americans of ever having the opportunity of trying alternative forms of hunting. With decreased hunting area, we feel bowhunting will continue to grow and will represent a major portion of the future of hunting. Its limited range makes it an ideal instrument to offset shrinking habitat.
- H. Bowhunting seasons exist because sufficient numbers of people want to bowhunt. **When these numbers decrease significantly bowhunting seasons and areas will decrease in direct proportion** to the demand for them. Bowhunters will then become nothing more than another "nuisance group" to our fish and game departments rather than an effective sportsman's group.
- I. 80% of bowhunters now hunt with both a firearm and a bow; the average firearm period is three weeks each year. A bowhunter can hunt an average of ten weeks more. Either/Or endangers that extra ten weeks of hunting.

As a bowhunter, your freedom of movement in the outdoors and **the number and length of your bowhunting seasons will be in danger.**

- J. In 1977, bowhunting was permitted in all 50 states with the average bowhunting season being 2½ months long.

Either/Or seasons lead to an immediate and drastic cut in the number of bowhunters.

JANUARY 24, 1989

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
HOUSE FISH & GAME COMMITTEE
CAPITOL BUILDING
HELENA, MONTANA

EXHIBIT 12
DATE 1/24
HB 246.

DEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

RECENTLY IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION, THAT A BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED (I BELIEVE #246), WHICH IF PASSED, WILL DRASTICALLY LIMIT THE BOWHUNTING OPPORTUNITIES IN MONTANA. I SPEAK TO YOU FROM TWO AREAS. FIRST, AS A CONCERNED SMALL BUSINESSMAN FROM GREAT FALLS, AND SECONDLY, AS AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN IE: HUNTER, FISHERMAN, HIKER AND ONE WHO LOVES AND ENJOYS THE OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES THAT MONTANA HAS TO OFFER.

I HAVE READ THE BILL AND I BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO MAJOR POINTS OF INTEREST HERE. FIRST, I CANNOT SEE WHERE THE WRITERS OF THE BILL HAVE INTRODUCED ONE SOLID BIT OF EVIDENCE THAT THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS WITH OUR PRESENT BOWHUNTING LAWS AND LICENSING REGULATIONS. AS THE LAWS PRESENTLY STAND, ANYONE CAN BOWHUNT AS WELL AS RIFLE HUNT. REGARDLESS OF WHAT METHOD ONE USES TO HUNT IE: BOWHUNT, BLACK POWDER OR RIFLE HUNT, EACH HUNTER IS RESTRICTED TO HARVESTING THE SAME NUMBER OF ANIMALS. I FAIL TO SEE WHY WE NEED A CHANGE. EACH HUNTER WHO CHOOSES TO DO SO, CAN BOWHUNT, RIFLE HUNT AND BLACK POWDER HUNT AND I THINK THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. THIS IS THE AMERICAN WAY, (FREEDOM OF CHOICE). I REALIZE THAT WE NEED RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF GAME ANIMALS HARVESTED, AND WE HAVE THOSE, AND ALL HUNTERS HAVE TO ABIDE BY THESE SAME RULES.

IT REALLY APPEARS TO ME THAT WHAT THE BACKERS OF THIS BILL ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO, IS TO TAKE A BLIND SHOT IN THE DARK AT THOSE HUNTERS WHO WISH TO ENJOY THE SPORT OF BOWHUNTING. REMEMBER OUR PRESENT BOWHUNTING LAWS ALLOW FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BOWHUNT, AS WELL AS RIFLE HUNT, TO DO SO. IF THE BACKERS OF THIS BILL, AND I SUSPECT THEY ARE FEW, WOULD JUST COME OUT AND STATE WHAT THEIR REAL PROBLEM IS, I FEEL CONFIDENT IT CAN BE HANDLED BY COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING, AS OPPOSED TO LEGISLATION. WE ARE OVER LEGISLATED NOW.

MY SECOND AREA OF CONCERN IS FROM A BUSINESS STANDPOINT. BILL #246, IF PASSED, WOULD HAVE DISASTEROUS EFFECT ON ALL ARCHERY SHOPS IN MONTANA, AS WELL AS ALL SPORTING GOODS STORES WHO SELL ARCHERY RELATED EQUIPMENT. I PRESENTLY OWN AND OPERATE THE ARCHERS DEN IN GREAT FALLS, MONTANA. I CAN TELL YOU , FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THIS BUSINESS, THAT 95% OF THE ARCHERS ARE IN THE SPORT OF ARCHERY TO BOWHUNT, AND ALMOST ALL OF THEM ARE ALSO RIFLE HUNTERS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM HAVE BEEN RIFLE HUNTERS MUCH LONGER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN BOW HUNTERS. IF THIS BILL IS PASSED, MOST OF THEM WILL QUIT BOWHUNTING RATHER THAN GIVE UP RIFLE HUNTING. IF THIS HAPPENS, MY ARCHERY BUSINESS WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE TO CLOSE THE DOORS. THE INTEREST IN ARCHERY WILL BE DRASTICALLY REDUCED AND MANY JOBS WILL BE LOST.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT OUR BIG GAME OUTFITTERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUFFERED FROM A SHORTER ARCHERY SEASON, BECAUSE OF LAST YEARS DEVASTATING FOREST FIRES, WILL AGAIN LOSE BECAUSE THOSE HUNTERS WHO BOTH BOWHUNT AND RIFLE HUNT, WILL HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE TO DO ONE OR THE OTHER. LET US REMEMBER THAT MONTANA, LIKE ANY OTHER STATE, HAS TO USE THE RESOURCES THAT IT HAS WISELY. OUR MAJOR RESOURCE IS OUR GREAT OUTDOORS. WE WOULD BE FOOLISH TO PASS A BILL THAT IS DESIGNED TO

HELP NO ONE, BUT MAYBE A SELFISH FEW WHO , AS I STATED EARLIER, HAVEN'T REALLY TOLD US UP FRONT, WHAT THEIR PROBLEM IS. AT THE SAME TIME, THIS BILL WOULD PUT THE ARCHERY SHOPS OUT OF BUSINESS AND STRIKE ANOTHER SERIOUS BLOW TO , OUR ALREADY, SUFFERING ECONOMY.

I PLEAD WITH THIS COMMITTEE TO KILL THIS FOOLISH IDEA IN COMMITTEE AND BY DOING SO, SAFEGUARD OUR FREEDOM TO HUNT IN THE MANNER WE CHOOSE, AND TO SUPPORT OUR ALREADY STRUGGLING BUSINESSES.

RESPECTFULLY:



DOUG NEWBURY - OUTDOORSMAN, HUNTER AND SMALL BUSINESSMAN

The Archers Den & Pro Shop
Box 6355
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January 26, 1989

EXHIBIT 13
DATE 1/24
HB 246

RE: HOUSE BILL 246

I would like to speak in opposition to HOUSE BILL 246 in two fold. Number one as a small business man and secondly as a sportsman and bowhunter.

To go to an "EITHER OR" season would be the end to my business. My shop is strictly archery. By telling the sportsman he has to make a choice between a bow or a gun will result in only the avid archer continuing to hunt with a bow.

The archery season is NOT an "extra". Archers pay for the right to hunt during the "archery only" season. I feel that if someone is complaining about the archers hunting in the early season that their complaint is not a ligitament one, they too have the option to buy a license and hunt that same season.

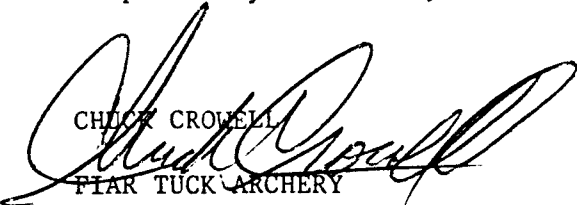
I also feel that to do away with the present structure would cause lost revenue to the state. In most states which have gone to this "EITHER OR" system, they have lost approximately one half of their bowhunting population. This, in general figures, would cost the state of Montana approximately \$88,000.00 in lost revenue. In a time when we are thinking about charging to use State Parks, it seems foolish to be trying to restructure or do away with a program which is already bringing income into the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

In the last Fish, Wildlife and Parks Sportsman Survey, the "EITHER OR" season was voted down by a large majority. Are we again going to let a small minority of people dictate to all sportsman and their seasons, I would certainly hope this is not the case.

To stalk an animal with a bow and arrow is truly a unique experience as well as having very little impact on the animal population or impact on the land. This, after all, is what the Department of Parks would like to have, a large number of recreational manhours with little or no impact.

It's tough enough to make it as a small business man in Montana. I would ask that you, the legislature, not make it any tougher by allowing this bill to pass out of committee.

Respectively submitted,


CHUCK CROWELL

FIAR TUCK ARCHERY

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EXHIBIT 14
DATE 1/24
HB 246

My name is Art Swetye, and I am co-owner of the Archery Center in Bozmeman. I have contacted all of the archery pro shops in the state, and was given permission to represent them. They were unanimous on two points.

- 1) They were against an either or season of any kind.
- 2) If this bill would pass, they feel that they could not survive and would be forced to lock their doors.

I also contacted over 30 sporting goods stores that also sell archery equipment. The consensus was that their business would be financially affected by the passage of this type of legislation, and were adamantly against this bill.

The dollars that bowhunters spend each year are very significant to the economy of the state. In 1987, for example:

- 2.6 million dollars was spent on archery equipment.
- 2.5 million dollars was spent on transportation.
- 1.6 million dollars was spent on food.

This brings the total to 6.7 million dollars spent on archery hunting.

With the state's economic troubles, it seems like we should be looking for ways to attract new business and keep existing businesses in Montana. This bill would certainly defeat this concept. Using my business as an example, it provides income for 2 families, plus 3 part time employees.

Western states with larger populations than Montana, who have adopted the either or season, have lost between 40% and 60% of their bowhunters. This has forced some archery dealers in those states to go out of business.

I has been mentioned that this bill may be amended to just an elk either or season. This would not change things with our business, as 8 out of 10 hunters who enter our store are elk hunters. If amended to this, it wouldn't change anything and would still force us out of business.

Our archery business has been very involved in community projects. We have taught archery to 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, and MSU students. If we are out of busines, we will not be able to provide education to these groups. Archery stores are very important to the sport of bowhunting. Not only as a place to purchase quality archery equipment, but they also provide education and instruction for the safe enjoyment of the sport.

Our businesses are very valuable to our families, to our community, and to our state. This bill is anti-business, and if this committee cares about the business of this state, it should kill this bill in committee NOW.

1987 BOWHUNTING STATISTICS

2.6 million dollars spent on archery equipment.
2.5 million dollars spent on transportation.
1.6 million dollars spent on food.

Total 6.7 million dollars spent.

BOWHUNTERS SURVEY STATISTICS

79% satisfied with archery hunting and seasons
84% oppose either or season.

WESTERN STATES WITH AN EITHER OR SEASON

MT	800,000 pop.	22,000 bowhunters
CO	3 Million pop	11,671 bowhunters
WA	4 Million pop.	10,927 bowhunters
OR	2.7 Million pop.	15,589 bowhunters

WITNESS STATEMENT

EXHIBIT 15DATE 1/24HB 246NAME Monty Moravie

BUDGET

ADDRESS 19 19 34 ST Miroult Mt,WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Me

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

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COMMENTS:

I have hunted with a bow for the past several years. I have found bow hunting very enjoyable. ~~and~~ Over the last few years. I have noticed growing animosity between bow hunters and rifle hunters and that concerns me. I was very upset when I found out the results of the Fish and Game elk archery survey. The number of wounded and not recovered animals in my opinion was inexcusable. I attribute the problem to hunters who don't practice and don't spend the necessary time it takes to recover wounded animals. I oppose bill 246 as it stands. But would support the bill if it went back to sub-committee and was amended to elk only with Bow or rifle.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

EXHIBIT 16
DATE 1/24
HB 246

Thank you for the opportunity to address this committee. My name is Joe Frazier. I live in Lewistown, Mt. I am representing the 54 members of the Montana Bowhunters Association in the Lewistown area and the 70 members of the Lewistown Bowhunters Association.

Both of these groups oppose House Bill 246. Both groups have also asked me to present rebuttal to Rep. Ellison's statements in the January 22, 1989 edition of the Billings Gazette concerning H. B. 246.

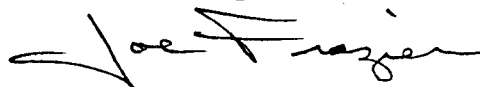
In preparation of the rebuttal, I contacted four biologists living in Lewistown: Doug Aires, wildlife biologist for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Larry Eichhorn, wildlife biologist for BLM; Bob Watts, wildlife biologist for the Dept. of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; and John Foster, refuge manager for the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge. All four agreed with Rep. Ellison's statement that people including bowhunters, ranchers, other recreationists, and anyone else coming in contact with elk do disrupt the elk's normal routine. All four also agreed that these disruptions do not negatively impact the elk's reproductive cycle. In the Lewistown area over the past ten years the number of bowhunters has increased dramatically while the elk populations have shown a steady increase in both cow-to-calf ratios and in total numbers. The CMR Refuge has one of the highest ratios of bowhunters per square mile in the state while the elk population has one of the highest cow-to-calf ratios in the North American Continent.

The consensus was unanimous among the four that the reproductive cycles of deer (both mule deer and whitetail deer) and antelope populations have not been negatively impacted by presence of people. Whitetail and mule deer are hunted during their breeding seasons by both rifle and bow hunters. There is simply no data to suggest that reproductive rate of these animals is negatively impacted by hunting pressure. Whitetail deer populations have shown a steady increase state-wide since record keeping began. Mule deer populations have shown a cyclic pattern with downward trends attributed to climate, habitat, available forage and water, and disease rather than hunting pressure.

They all agreed that there exists no biological reason to impose an either-or season.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak before this committee. If you have any questions concerning the above statements, please feel free to ask. I will be happy to supply any facts or figures you feel necessary to support these statements.

Sincerely,



Joe Frazier

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January 25, 1989

THE UNDERSIGNED ARE OPPOSED TO THE ²⁴⁶BILL RESTRICTING HUNTING TO
 BOW AND ARROWS ONLY OR RIFLE ONLY.

NAME	CITY
Kenneth M. Moose	E. Helena
Chf Wapiti	Helena, MT.
Ron Messam	HELENA, MT
Mike Clark	Helena, MT
John Baine	Townsend, MT
Lyle Schmitt	
Eric Palmer	Helena, MT
Randy Morin	Helena mt.
Randy Murgel	East Helena, MT.
Dan & Leba	East Helena, MT.
Robert Martin	E. Helena
Raymond & Brunfield	Townsend
Bob Carroll	Clancy, MT.
Stephen Carhuels	Helena
Neal W. Blosson	Boulder
Brad Smith	HELENA
John Carter	Townsend
	Helena

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EXHIBIT 18
DATE 1/26/89
HB 246

Mike Ellig
The Archery Center
1716 West Main
Bozeman, MT 59715

To: Fish and Game House Committee Members

On behalf of myself and 23 archery and sporting goods stores in Montana, I am asking you to oppose HB 246. HB 246 is an ANTI BUSINESS bill as well as a bill that would tremendously reduce the amount of hunter recreation in Montana. The negative economic impact would be felt in every community in Montana from reduced sales of sporting goods to the reduced expenditures in food, gas and lodging these hunters spend while in the field.

For example, if enacted for elk hunting only HB 246 would reduce the number of bowhunters by 50-75% and 2.5-3.5 million dollars would be lost from the states economy. The reduction would put every retail archery store including mine out of business, eliminate employees in sporting goods stores, and have a detrimental financial impact on every business that relies in part on hunters money. If HB 246 is enacted for ALL species the financial impact could easily be twice as great.

The Fish Wildlife and Parks study of archery hunting on big game has shown that bowhunting allows a TREMENDOUS amount of recreation and has a MINIMAL impact on the resource. You should be trying to encourage bowhunting as much as possible not discourage it.

Thank you,

Mike Ellig

The following is a list of the sporting goods and archery stores I am representing:

24th Street Scheels	Billings	AAA Archery	Missoula
Big Horn Archery	Billings	Big Sky Archery	Kalispell
Hi-Line Sports	Plentywood	L&R Archery	Butte
Malta Sports Center	Malta	Silvertip Archery	Joliet
Sports Inc.	Lewistown	The Archers Den	Great Falls
Capital Spt Gds	Helena	D&G Spt Gds	Glasgow
Don's Inc.	Lewistown	Don's Spt Center	Anaconda
Fran Johnson Spt Shop	Butte	Hitchin' Post Spts	Dillon
Master Spts	Havre	Red Rock Spt Gds	Miles City
Snappy Sport Center	Kalispell	The Powder Horn	Bozeman
Brady Sportsman Surplus	Missoula		
Ray's Sport and Western Wear	Harlowton		
Montana Bowhunter Supply	Bozeman		

Quick Facts: The natural mortality rate for elk was four times greater than the bowhunting mortality rate in the elk studied by the F,W&P in the report given to the 51st MT legislature.

According to the Dept. of F,W&P statistics, more mature bull elk were shot during the 1988 rifle season in a 35 MILE STRETCH OF THE GALLATIN CANYON (south of Bozeman) than were shot in the entire state of Montana during the 1987 bowhunting season. (442 vs. 435)

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Gary B. Clutter

BUDGET

ADDRESS 1290 Stoev mill rd. Bozeman, MT. 59715

BLACK RAM Bow club

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MYSELF, member: MONTANA Bowhunter ASSN.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

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COMMENTS: I am opposed to this Bill for the following reasons:

1- There is no scientific data to support this bill. Questions of the interruption of breeding, distribution, wounding losses from bow (vs gun) have all been studied in Montana and other areas. These studies show no scientific reason that changes in our archery season are called for.

2- A Bill of this nature will adversely effect the introduction of youngsters into archery. Most hunters ^{will} learn their skills from a parent. If forced to choose between a bow & a gun, a parent will be hard pressed to pass this sport on to his child.

3- As the season stands now there is a greater opportunity to spend a high number of field days while causing no damage to the resource.

4- An either/or Bill will cause economic hardships for the people involved in the archery business. A bill of this nature is hardly fostering a "better business climate"

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EXHIBIT 20
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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Guy Hughes BUDGET

ADDRESS 1212 Leslie Ave (Selena)

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Myself & other Concerned Bowhunters

SUPPORT OPPOSE X AMEND

COMMENTS: They way this is set up is a
big blow to all committed archers &
bowhunters in Montana, I believe something
has to be done to bowhunting in
Montana but not this, I hope
that the 800 arch tag on elk would
come to issue, this I believe is the
only true problem between bowhunters
& rifle hunters, it should be if
you want to hunt elk with the
bow you can do so but you
may not apply or use Guns or Special
Tags (cow) you should be able to
hunt thru the gun season also for
all species or long as you have not
tag out on a animal, it is tough
enough to hunt with a bow as it is
also the 800 tag would eliminate alot
of hunter who are not dedicated bowhunters
so they would not be in the woods with
their little experience with bowhunting eqips.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME CAL BENNETT BUDGET _____

ADDRESS 2712 BROADWATER AV HELENA 59601

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? AAA ARCHERY

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS: BILL WILL MEAN BUSINESS CLOSURE.

I SEE NO LOGIC WHATSOEVER

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Upper Yellowstone Rod & Gun Club

P. O. Box 427 — Gardiner, Montana 59030

JAN. 26, 1989

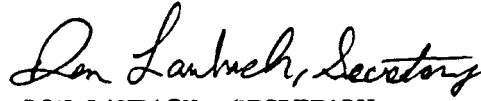
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DATE 1/26
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RE: HOUSE BILL #246

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

WE WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD AS BEING AGAINST
THIS BILL.

IT APPEARS TO US THAT THIS BILL IS PUTTING THE CART
BEFORE THE HORSE. WHEN THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUIRES
EACH HUNTER TO CHOOSE HIS HUNTING DISTRICT AND THAT
HE MUST HUNT IN THAT DISTRICT, THEN MAYBE IT MIGHT BE
TIME TO CONSIDER WHAT WEAPON HE MUST CHOOSE TO HUNT
WITH. BUT UNTIL THAT TIME COMES WE DEFINITELY DON'T
ANY REGULATIONS OF THIS TYPE.


DON LAUBACH, SECRETARY

My name is Greg Munther. My address is Box 8208, Missoula, Montana. I want to testify against HB 246 as written. I represent a group of six veteran bowhunters who have met specifically on this issue. The bowhunters I represent are dedicated archers. One of our group makes his ~~primary~~ living by making and selling archery equipment. Another supplements his income in a similiar way. Our lives are focused around the sport of bowhunting with many of us having bowhunted 20-30 years. Even before this bill was introduced, we had developed similar language, but had restricted the "either or" language only to elk, and specifically excluding deer and other species. We have several reasons why we independently ~~developed proposed legislation~~ ^{drafted wording for ELK restrictions}, and why we would support HB 246 if it were ammended to elk only thru tag designation.

First, we stress that bowhunting for elk should not be taken lightly. Elk are a valuable, large animal, and inexperienced or undedicated bowhunters ~~can~~ lead to more wounded animals, and with that wounding, can further tarnish the image of bowhunting. Recent data indicates that wounding elk is a serious issue we must address. We believe that deer are a more appropriate for the beginning bowhunter, and a species that could be available for the two-season hunter that chooses to both bowhunt prior to the general gun hunting season. We believe that only the dedicated, experienced bowhunter should be encouraged to hunt elk.

Second, we have watched the number of bowhunters has increase from a few thousand to over 20,000 presently. With those numbers has come the slob hunter. The decline in the quality of the average bowhunter is no longer

ignored by others. We believe some form of either-or legislation for elk would reduce these number of bowhunters, but more importantly, would increase the quality of the bowhunter that remained afield.

Third, we recognize with the large numbers of archers afield that both the image of archery has changed, and animosity by those who do not bowhunt have increased. We recognize that there is an increase in these adverse feelings, and not just limited to Montana. Six of the western states have some form of either-or restrictions, and others states like Montana are considering such restrictions. We believe some form of restrictions are necessary to relieve the buildup of animosity by non-bowhunters. From listening to a lot of gunhunters, most of their concerns center around bowhunting for elk, and are not particularly concerned about deer. We suspect that if some form of legislation fails to pass, that more bills will be introduced in future Legislative sessions. We want to support a good bill that relieves this buildup of animosity for bowhunting elk.

We believe to preserve or improve the health of bowhunting, some form of legislation is appropriate and necessary. Our group of veteran bowhunters would like this committee to envision a better Montana with the dedicated bowhunter in search of elk, and the beginning archer trying for his first deer with a bow. Beginning bowhunters, including the young, need an opportunity to break into the sport while still hanging onto their gun hunting opportunity. We would request that HB246 be referred to Subcommittee where it might be ammended to delete restrictions on deer and other species, and retain either-or restrictions only on elk thru tag designation rather than license designation.

I make many, many stalks on game, which can fail for some slight reason such as: I step on a twig, the wind changes, or the animal is in the wrong position for a good heart-lung shot.

I'm very ~~choosy~~ choosy about the trophy animals I stalk. I pass up many, many good shots, because the bull's or buck's rack is not large enough for me, or because the animal is too young and I want him to stay alive and keep breeding. I'm always searching for the big old bulls or bucks.

I don't care if I don't get a shot. I really love being out in the woods, which I believe is the real world.

Because I shoot a primitive weapon, I need long hunting seasons. I love seeing all the bulls in the elk mating season in Sept. I also love hunting mule deer and white-tail deer during their rut in Nov.

I oppose this bill as it is written, this bill would deprive us bowhunters of hunting deer during their rut, which is the only time we can be truly selective and have opportunity to look at numbers of trophy animals.

If this bill were amended to deal with elk only and allow us to bowhunt for elk during any valid elk hunting season, I would support the bill.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Karen Brunner BUDGET _____
ADDRESS Ovando, MT 59854
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Myself
SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE ✓ AMEND ✓

COMMENTS:

Against HB 246
I have been hunting with both a long bow and recurve bow with no sights or other extra equipment since 1970. I am an instinctive shooter.
I was a rifle hunter from 1964-1969. But the hunt became too easy. I needed more of a challenge. I needed the hunt to be more difficult. So I gave up the rifle and now hunt exclusively with bow & arrow. It takes a lot of time, patience, & skill to get to within 20 yds. or less of my quarry. I have to outsmart him in his own home. I must sneak in from down-wind of him. I must be silent. I must be hidden from his eyes with my clothing or camouflage or trees & bushes. I must draw & shoot my bow without him knowing. Then I must patiently wait for "the perfect shot".

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME

Julie Hacker

BUDGET

HB 246

ADDRESS

Bonner, Mt.

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

self landowner

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

X

AMEND

COMMENTS:

*Leave archery & rifle seasons as they are.
Make an opportunity for people to take part
in the "hunt". I admire the hunters who
work hard to develop archery techniques
but think we all have the right to do both
if we choose.*

Please defeat this bill.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME RON ROMAN BUDGET HB 246

ADDRESS 851 SILVERETTE

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MYSELF

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS: I am opposed to the Bill as presented and I am in agreement with the vast majority of the comments and positions stated by opponents testifying at the committee meeting on this day (1/26/88)

I bowhunt only (by choice) and have bowhunted for 14+ years. Although I do merit in either/or bowhunting for Elk only - as suggested by some during testimony presented - I resent any infringement on the hunting opportunity (length of season-wise) that I have enjoyed in the past. However, I am strongly in favor of any legislation that will improve the quality & dedication of the bowhunter as well as long as opportunity & length of season for one who chooses to bowhunt only is not diminished.

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EXHIBIT 28
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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME ED BEALL BUDGET _____

ADDRESS 1350 VALLEY FORGE RD HELENA

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SPORTS INC.

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS: ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCE TO
ESTABLISHED RETAILERS.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

I REPRESENT A GROUP OF SPORTING GOODS RETAILERS WHICH NUMBERS 171 MEMBER STORES. SPORTS INC. WAS FOUNDED IN LEWISTOWN AND MAINTAINS ITS HEADQUARTERS THERE. 19 OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED STORES ARE IN MONTANA AND ARE MAJOR, LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED STORES. AS SPORTS INC'S APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO HB. 246.

I MANAGE CAPITAL SPORTS AND WESTERN HERE IN HELENA. WE ARE A FULL LINE SPORTING GOODS STORE THAT HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS 18 YEARS. WE HAVE A GOOD ARCHERY DEPT. IN OUR STORE THAT HAS BEEN STEADILY GROWING IN THE LAST 5 YEARS. STATISTICS SHOW THAT LEGISLATION SUCH AS HB246 WILL CUT OUR ARCHERY BUSINESS BY ABOUT 50% THE FIRST YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL 15-20% THE SECOND. IN OUR CASE WHAT THAT DECREASE TRANSLATES TO IS ONE PERSON WILL BE OUT OF A JOB. (BILL) SINCE OUR STORE IS VERY DIVERSE IT WILL NOT CLOSE OUR DOORS, BUT IF WE WERE AN ARCHERY SPECIALTY STORE ^{WE WOULD SIMPLY BE PART OF MONTANA HISTORY} IT WOULD UNDOUBTLY CLOSE US DOWN. ECONOMICALLY ALL THE AFFECTS ARE NEGATIVE - PEOPLE LOSE JOBS, BUSINESS LOSES INCOME, THE FISH & GAME LOSES FUNDS AND THE STATE OF MONTANA LOSES REVENUE

2,640,000.
15%
375,000.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANY SOUND OR POSITIVE BENEFIT TO ENACTING THIS BILL INTO LAW. IN REFLECTING ON THE HIDDEN BENEFIT OF THIS BILL I COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT A FEW ~~OF THE~~ ELITE ARCHERS MAY BENEFIT BY LESS COMPETITION IN THE FIELD. BUT TO PASS HB246 TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL FOR A SELECT FEW WOULD BE A GROSS MISREPRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

THE TOTAL MINUS' OF HB246 (1) LOSS OF JOBS (2) LOSS OF BUSINESS INCOME (3) LOSS OF FISH, WILDLIFE + PARKS FUNDING (4) LOSS OF STATE REVENUE (5) LOSS OF HUNTING RIGHTS (6) NEGATIVE AFFECT ON TOURISM (7) LOCAL ARCHERY CLUBS WOULD BE DISSOLVED (8) NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE SPORT OF ARCHERY

CERTAINLY OUTWEIGHTS ANY BENEFIT A FEW MIGHT RECEIVE BY PASSAGE OF HB246.

I RECOMMEND THAT THIS COMMITTEE NOT PASS IT IN ANY FORM.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING VS. DOWNHILL SKIING

40,000
15%
375,000.00

EXHIBIT 29
DATE 1/26
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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Jim KYLE BUDGET _____
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WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MONTANA Bowhunters Assoc / Great Falls
SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X! AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

Personal statement, multiply signature
statements attached

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STATEMENT

Like many other sportsmen in Montana, I have decided that quality of life is more important than the higher financial rewards I could earn outside the state. One of the factors that contributes significantly to this quality of life is the current philosophy governing the hunting of game animals across the state. Since my job will not allow me to take a long break during any of the hunting seasons, I generally make several two and three day trips during both seasons. The end result is that I get to enjoy a total of two to three weeks in the field. While I wish this time was longer, it is quality time that really counts and I don't want to see it diminished without a logical reason.

I have yet to see any solid evidence that the current archery season is causing a legitimate problem for anyone. We now have the finest outdoor recreational opportunities in the United States. Don't legislate a solution to a problem that doesn't exist and cause us to lose this distinction. Please defeat HB 246.



Jim Kyle
4200 Huckleberry
Great Falls, Mt 59404

We, the undersigned sportsmen from the Great Falls area, are unable to attend the House Fish and Game Committee meeting scheduled to review a proposed "either-or" bowhunting season. We would like the committee members to know that we are firmly opposed to any change in the existing regulations governing bowhunting seasons. The existing seasons (archery and general) provide one of the best recreational opportunities in the United States for the dedicated hunter. Don't change a system that is effectively serving all hunters in the state.

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EXHIBIT 30
DATE 1/26
HB 246

We the residents of Great Falls who work on Malmstrom AFB and buy Montana Hunting Licenses, wish to express our opposition to H.B.246. One of the foremost reasons we choose to live and work in Montana is the recreation it offers us in the form of hunting opportunities. The nature or our work precludes us from taking extended hunting trips, therefore we maximise our outdoor recreation by taking several short trips in both archery and firearm seasons. The seasons currently in force in Montana are the best in the nation and should not be changed.

James P. Jones	Gregory R. Sundry	Jacky R. Jones
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	Clifford Jones	
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EXHIBIT 31
DATE 1/26
HB 246

To: House Committee for HB246

From: Lewis & Clark Archers - Helena, MT

Lewis & Clark Archers membership is between 125 to 150 members with a good number of them being family memberships.

We try to promote archery as a family sport by having winter indoor leagues and outdoor leagues like our foul weather shoot and State Jamboree.

We also have members like myself who are working voluntarily with Fish & Game and the M.B.A. as Bowhunter Education Instructors.

House Bill 246 will all but shutdown our club and all the programs that we have worked years to develop. It will cause a large loss of revenue from license fees and revenue spent at sporting goods stores, archery pro shops (which may be forced out of business), plus gas stations, and grocery stores.

We feel this bill would be like telling fisherman they would have to choose to fish in either rivers or lakes or streams or they could only fish from shore or a boat. We feel this bill singles out archers and is intended to eliminate bowhunting in the State of Montana in a few short years.

We try to be respectful of the game we hunt and to other hunters, and all we ask is for the same. We invite you to come out and see our range and to see the progress our club has made in making archery a safe and respectable sport for the whole family.

Thank you,



Ray Pellen
President
Lewis & Clark Archers

EXHIBIT 32
DATE 1/26
HB 246

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Paul Brunner BUDGET _____
ADDRESS Buffalo Trail Ranch Ovando, MT 59854
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Myself
SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE _____ AMEND ☒
COMMENTS: see separate statement.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Mr. Chairman & Committee members.

My name is Paul Brunner, ^{I live on a ranch near Orlando.} I am a bowhunter! I have been a bowhunter for 31 years. I do NOT hunt with a rifle. Bowhunting is my life. It is also my profession.

Because I am a hunter rather than a killer. I chose to limit myself and place restrictions on myself in the pursuit of game animals. I prefer to rely on my skills as a tracker, stalker and instinctive bow shot rather than to rely on technology to hunt big game. For me there is no thrill and little challenge in taking an animal at 200 yards. It means a great deal more to me as an individual to try to take an animal in his living room at fifteen yards. By no means do I criticize those who prefer to use a firearm. I do not compete with other hunters — I compete with my quarry and myself.

My life centers around two natural events: the Elk rut, and the whitetail deer rut. I wait all year for these events.

This bill, as it is written, would deprive bowhunters of being able to hunt whitetails and mule deer during the rut. For the dedicated deer hunter, there is nothing that compares to deer activity in mid-to-late November. The impact of archers on deer populations in Montana is negligible, to say the least. Why then, take away a tremendous

recreation experience which offers thousands
~~of~~ ~~thousands~~ of man hours of pure pleasure, and
THAT DOES NOT HAVE ANY CALCULABLE IMPACT
ON THE WILDLIFE RESOURCE?

I have been told that it isn't fair
that we bowhunters can have a five week archery
season and then hunt with bow & arrow or rifle
during the general season. It's perfectly fair —
because any rifle hunter out there can buy
a bow, learn to use it, and legally hunt
during bow season. If a rifle hunter
does not choose to do this, that is his decision —
But, he has the right to do it if he wishes.

The crux of this entire issue seems to
be the bowhunting of Elk. Many gun hunters,
who do not choose to take advantage of their
right to bowhunt, are convinced that bowhunting
is in some way affecting Elk, Elk breeding, and
their Elk hunting success during rifle season.
These are emotional opinions, not borne out by
any scientific studies.

I am convinced that this bill can be
amended in such a way that it would address
a number of concerns of rifle hunters and of those
of us who are "hard-core" bowhunters who wish to
protect our image and the resource. By addressing
those concerns, even though they have no biological basis
in fact, we can lessen animosity between hunting factions.

Because of the increase in popularity of bowhunting, many of those who bowhunt are part-time hunters who do not put in the time necessary to become proficient enough with their equipment to hunt an animal the size of an elk. With 20,000 bowhunters in the woods, we now have the "slob" hunter.

To satisfy those who are concerned about the impact of bowhunters on elk, I would suggest this bill be amended to deal only with elk on the basis of "either/or". This would limit archery elk hunters to those who were serious and dedicated to their sport. An "800" elk tag could be valid during ANY open elk season or special hunt.

By leaving deer and other species open for both rifle and bow, we give beginning bowhunters the chance to "learn" their sport hunting deer, an animal much more suited to being hunted by less experienced bowhunters.

Thank you for your consideration.

EXHIBIT 33
DATE 1/26
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WITNESS STATEMENT

HB 246

NAME JOHN C. UNDERWOOD BUDGET _____

ADDRESS 7903 ALAMOSA LANE BOZEMAN, MT 59715

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE XX AMEND NO AMEND

COMMENTS: _____

TYPEWRITTEN TESTIMONY (COPIES FOR ALL MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE FISH + GAME COMMITTEE) GIVEN TO SECRETARY
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January 26, 1989

To: All members of the Montana House of Representatives Fish & Game Committee

From: John Underwood, 7903 Alamosa Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
(406)587-0353 Archery and firearm hunter

Subject: Oppose HB 246/Keep valuable recreation days available, for those who choose, to both archery and firearm hunt.

Probably most, if not all, of you have read the January 1989 Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks report to 51st Montana Legislature Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee titled "Effects of Archery Hunting on Elk Management in Montana". I ask your indulgence to allow reviewing some of the important facts gleaned from this professional report:

1. Of the 8,569 archery elk hunters who responded to the Fish, Wildlife and Parks survey, 84% opposed having to choose to hunt either rifle or archery. Only 12% favored having to make this decision, while 2% had no opinion and 2% did not answer the question.

2. 79% of the survey participants are satisfied with the current archery hunting opportunity. 92% of them also firearm hunt.

3. Two thirds of the respondents believe that archery hunting did not significantly affect elk distribution.

4. 64% of the respondents took no shots at elk while only 10% took three or more shots. (1987)

5. A clear majority of survey participants were opposed to any further restriction.

6. When asked what improvement in archery elk hunting is most desired, "no improvement necessary" was the most frequent choice.

7. Fish, Wildlife and Parks developed and studied data on the effects of archery hunting on elk populations in the Elkhorn mountains, the Little Belt mountains and the Gravelly mountains. They concluded:

a. Elkhorn mountains--"the effects of archery hunting on this elk population was insignificant".

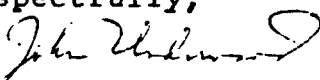
b. Little Belt mountains--"In summary, the Little Belt elk population provides a considerable amount of recreational opportunity to the public during archery hunting season while being insignificantly affected by archery hunters--in actual kill and disturbance factors".

c. Gravelly mountains--Limited results in tracking radio collared elk indicate archers caused no distributional shift in how elk use HD 324.

Montana House Fish and Game Committee members, as you know from the professionally developed data, there is no basis upon which to pass HB 246 or any amended form of it. Please kill HB 246 and dismiss the small minority of archery hunters, rifle hunters and other special interests who selfishly want this bill. Vote against HB 246 and support the majority position. Keep valuable recreation days available, for those who so choose, to both archery and firearm hunt.

Thank you!

Respectfully,


John Underwood

VISITORS' REGISTER

Fish and Game COMMITTEEBILL NO. A.B. ~~246~~DATE Jan. 26

SPONSOR _____

NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Stephen Carkech	933 Park Helena		✓
Dan Drimhall	Montana City		✓
John R. Davis	2669 Stuart Helena		✓
Euglyn A. Davis	" " "		✓
William M. Gowen	5666 Quarters Ct		✓
JAMES V. GOSWICK	1420 CAYUSE HELENA		✓
Julie Hacker	Landowner, Bozeman, Mt.		✓
Earl O'Seary Jr.	6990 Applesate #8		✓
Bill Tiddy DDS.	2230 Lockett		X
MIKE SCHMAUS	CLARK, MT.		X
Neal W. Blosson	Boulder, MT		✓
Stephen Mese	5530 Rainbow Dr Helena		✓
Steve Cook	706-8th Ave., Helena Mt.		X
William Haslip	3010 Canal Circle		✓
Bill Marks	BOZEMAN	X	
ROBERT L. FIELD	GREAT FALLS MT		✓

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NAME (please print)	RESIDENCE	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
ROGER L HYNDMAH	5636 QUARTZ HELENA		X
Jeff Welch	3280 Greer Mesa		✓
Shawn Lee	2844 Melody		✓
Rick Hart	4308 Head. R. Helena		✓
Lowell Wallitz	1528 Laurel Helena		✓
MIKE Songer	1805 Joslyn St Helena		✓
BOB WILLIAMS	327 STATE ST.		✓
Gint Anderson	F.O.B 1015 E. Helena		—
Tim Spunzen	270 Mottsciff		✓
Ray Pellen	3006 Euclid		✓
Robert Brunner	Orando, MT		✓
Paul Brunner	ORANDO, MT		✓
Douglas C. Remsburg	Great Falls MT		✓
Milton R. Gotsch	Helena MT		✓
Jan Doo	Helena MT.		✓
Ken DeMott	Great Falls MT		✓
Cal Bennett	Helena		✓
Herb Jay	Helena		✓
Bill Linkenbach	Helena A		✓

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SPONSOR REP. ELLISON

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GREG MUNTHER	Box 8208, Missoula, MT ⁵⁹⁸⁰⁷		X
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JOHN UNDERWOOD	7903 ALAMOSA LN. BOZEMAN 59715		X
ART ART SWETYE	2606 ARNICA DR. ^{BZN} MT		X
STEVE Titoni	2244 Schilling ^{MSLA} MT		X
Monty Moravec	1919 34 ST ^{MSLA}		X
GARY Clutter	1290 story mill rd. ^{BZN} MT		X
George Kamps	Rt 38 Box 2074 Livingston		X
Mark Baker	Rt 62 Box 3169A Livingston		X
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Jan Zamen	3902 Wylder Dr Helena		X
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JERRY TAYLOR	3415 STUCKY RD BOZEMAN		X
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MARK PETRONI	Box 538 ^{GARDINER MT}		X
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Larry Bouldin	Elk Mt		X
ROBERT L FIELD	GREAT FALLS 157 WOODLAND ESTATES		X
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Ron Schou	Butte 1609 S. Campbell 59701		X
Joe Frazier	1004 HIGHWOOD LEWISTOWN, MT		X
ED BEALL	1350 VALLEY FORGE HELENA MT 59601		X
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