

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH & GAME**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on January 8, 1991, at  
3:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)  
John Johnson, Vice-Chairman (D)  
Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Fred "Fritz" Daily (D)  
Roger DeBruycker (R)  
Orval Ellison (R)  
Gary Forrester (D)  
Bob Gilbert (R)  
Marian Hanson (R)  
Vernon Keller (R)  
Bea McCarthy (D)  
Bruce Measure (D)  
John Phillips (R)  
Ted Schye (D)  
John Scott (D)  
Wilbur Spring (R)  
Bill Strizich (D)

**Staff Present:** Doug Sternberg, Legislative Council  
Ginger Puntenney, Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Announcements/Discussion:** Welcome and agenda was given by  
**CHAIRMAN ELLIOTT**. It was agreed to have a no smoking policy  
during hearings. Committee rules and procedures were  
reviewed and adopted. Committee procedure for witnesses was  
reviewed.

The following lobbyists introduced themselves:

Stan Bradshaw, Montana Trout Unlimited  
Jo Brunner, Water Resources Association  
Clyde Byerly, Montana Pistol Association  
Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Legislative Fund  
Kay Lornburg, Women in Farm Economics  
Scott Snelson, Montana Wildlife Federation  
Carol Mosher, Montana Cattlemen Association  
Barbara Frank, Montana Farm Bureau

Fish and Game committee members introduced themselves.

A presentation was given by the Director of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, K. L. Cool. He introduced Pat Graham, Dave Mott and Don Hyypa, FWP representatives for the legislative session.

CHAIRMAN ELLIOTT informed Mr. Cool that the committee members would attend FWP open house on Thursday, January 10 at 4:30 p.m.

Doug Sternberg, Legal Services Division, discussed amendment procedures and how it is crucial that all amendments go through him. He will not have time to provide a summary of bills.

#### HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 17

#### Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB REAM, House District 54, Missoula, explained that HB 17 would give the Fish and Game Commission the explicit legal authority to regulate bow hunting in Montana. Due to modern technological advances in this sport, FWP should have the authority to regulate it, as they are involved in this type of regulation on a daily basis.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

Don Chance, Montana Bow Hunters Association, said that bow hunting equipment is custom made by several hundred manufacturers and the technology is rapidly changing. There are controversies regarding bow hunting regulations and the proper type of bow hunting equipment. FWP should have the authority to regulate bow hunting because they routinely deal with these issues.

Jerry Taylor, Montana Bow Hunters Association, stated that regulations of use and type of archery equipment can be more effectively dealt with by the Fish and Game Commission through the public hearing process.

Scott Snelson, Montana Wildlife Federation, said FWP should regulate.

Jan Hamer, Montana Bow Hunters Association, explained that many people do not understand the sport of bow hunting, so it should be put in the hands of FWP, who are aware of the equipment used and how it is used.

K.L. Cool, FWP, spoke in favor of the bill. EXHIBIT 1

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE BILL 17

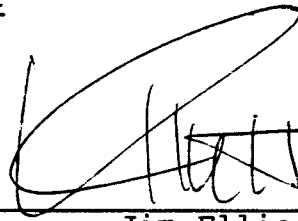
Motion: REP. TED SCHYE moved HB 17 DO PASS

Recommendation and Vote:

HB 17 DO PASS

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.



Jim Elliott, Chairman



Ginger Punttenney, Secretary

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE 1-8-91

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. JOHN JOHNSON, VICE-CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. BEVERLY BARNHART	✓		
REP. FRED "FRITZ" DAILY	✓		
REP. ROGER DEBRUYCKER	✓		
REP. ORVAL ELLISON	✓		
REP. GARY FORRESTER	✓		
REP. BOB GILBERT	✓		
REP. MARIAN HANSON	✓		
REP. VERNON KELLER	✓		
REP. BEA MCCARTHY	✓		
REP. BRUCE MEASURE	✓		
REP. JOHN PHILLIPS	✓		
REP. TED SCHYE	✓		
REP. JOHN SCOTT	✓		
REP. WILBUR SPRING	✓		
REP. BILL STRIZICH	✓		
REP. JIM ELLIOTT, CHAIRMAN	✓		

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Fish and Game report that  
House Bill 17 (first reading copy -- white) do pass .

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Elliott, Chairman

HB 17  
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Testimony presented by K.L. Cool, Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
To the House Fish and Game Committee

The Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks and our commission support HB 17 which provides the commission authority to regulate the type and use of archery equipment for hunting and fishing purposes.

The technological developments occurring in modern archery equipment warrant continual review to determine their resource implications. Our commission can provide the appropriate forum to consider sportsman and public comment on case-by-case issues surrounding archery equipment.

We urge your support and passage of this bill.

## Fish + Game

BILL NO. 17

DATE 1-8-91

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

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.