

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON FISH & GAME**

**Call to Order:** By Bob Williams, on February 14, 1991, at 3:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Bob Williams, Chairman (D)  
Don Bianchi, Vice Chairman (D)  
John Anderson Jr. (R)  
Eve Franklin (D)  
Lorents Grosfield (R)  
Greg Jergeson (D)  
Dick Pinsoneault (D)  
David Rye (R)  
Paul Svrcek (D)  
Bernie Swift (R)

**Members Excused:**

None

**Staff Present:** Andrea Merrill (Legislative Council).

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

**Announcements/Discussion:**

Roll taken and noted.

Chairman Williams explained that during the hearing on SB 171, the Fish and Game Commission would give a presentation to support their proposed request.

**HEARING ON SB 171**

**Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

Senator Svrcek, Dist. No. 26, explained that SB 171 is a request by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department (Department) to increase certain hunting license fees and increase the license agent commission.

Senator Svrcek explained that the '83 session was the last time that fees were increased and the funds raised were projected to

last only through 1989. Through various management practices the Department has been able to extend the use of these funds for another two years through 1991. This has been accomplished through some federal funding, agency savings, reducing equipment purchases, and agency employees who have contributed over 23,000 hours of lost vacation time to the management and operation of the agency.

In 1986, the Department operated on a budget of \$14,800,000 and five years later the Department operates on a budget of \$15,200,000. That is a \$400,000 increase in half a decade and the Department has taken on added responsibilities.

The increases that are contemplated are modest. Montana is known worldwide for it's hunting for both the quality and quantity and even at the high end of the proposed fees, they are a bargain.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

K. L. Cool, Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (See Exhibits No. 1 and No. 2), stated that Montana has been blessed with over 500 species of fish and wildlife. This provides us with an opportunity, we feel, to manage state-of-the-art fish and wildlife in this State. Montana is known to have the best hunting and fishing bargain dollar for dollar of any State in the lower 48.

We are considered to have the best state elk hunt for trophy bull elk in the U.S. We have 600 miles of blue ribbon trout streams incomparable by any other state.

Robert Lucas, Missoula, supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 3.

Bob Lovegrove, Missoula, supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 4.

Jack Puckett, Missoula, supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 5.

Ira Holt, Hamilton, supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 6.

Gerald Dunn, Missoula, representing Hellgate Civilian Shooters Assoc. and Mt. Rifle & Pistol Assoc, supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 7.

Martin Onishuk, Missoula, supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 8.

Joe Rice, Missoula, representing Western Montana Fish and Game Assn., supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 9.

Gene Quenemoen, representing Montana Wildlife Federation, supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 10.

T. A. Harrington, Missoula, representing Western Mt. Fish and Game Assn., supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 11.

Rob Braach, Missoula, representing Western Mt. Fish and Game Assn., supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 12.

Charles Place, Lolo, representing Western Mt. Fish and Game Assn., supports SB 171. See Exhibit No. 13.

Janet Ellis, representing Montana Audubon Legislative Fund, supports SB 171. Many of the members hunt and fish and all members support high quality wildlife programs.

Stan Bradshaw, Montana Trout Unlimited, supports SB 171.

Don Chance, representing Montana Bowhunters Assn., supports SB 171.

William Corrigan, Missoula, representing Hellgate Civilian Shooters Assn., supports SB 171.

Opponents' Testimony:

Representative Bob Thoft, Representative Dist. 63, opposes SB 171. He appreciates wildlife as much as anyone and appreciates the job the FWP does. However, if spending is maintained at current levels these factors in the accounts balance will be sufficient to fund the Department's current level through the 1995 biennium. See Exhibit No. 14.

He also has a Department's audit compiled by the Legislative Auditor from Fish, Wildlife and Park's records indicating opposition to SB 171. See Exhibit No. 15.

Sam Babich, Butte, is an avid sportsman and hunter, is in opposition to SB 171. He supported his opinion by referring to articles from the Montana Standard declaring Champion has laid off 1,100 people, Sears cutting back 1,000 for a total loss of 31,000 jobs lost. He stated that unemployment in the State is up, we are in a recession, people are hurting for money. He feels that the amount requested by the FWP is out of line.

Robert Van DerVere, concerned citizen lobbyist, is opposed to fee increase.

Tony Schoonen, Butte, representing the Skyline Sportsmens Assn., stated that the Department was invited to speak to the members and assured them that it would be a modest license increase phased in over 6 years and at that time the members felt that it could be lived with. However, in view of the FWP request before us, feels that the Department had been less than truthful. (Tony had presented amendments but because they included land access amendments which were not addressed in SB 171, Senator Svrcek stated that his amendments could not be accepted).

Larry Thomas, representing the Anaconda Sportsman Club, supports only a 10% fee increase.

Bill Patrick, Butte, representing Skyline Sportsmen, supports only a 10% license increase and oppose any nonresident increase.

Jack Rich, representing Montana Outfitters and Guides Assoc., does not support SB 171. See Exhibit No. 16.

Bill Holdorf, representing Butte Skyline Sportsmen Club, supports FWP request for an increase in license fees, however, only for a moderate raise. A couple of years ago the FWP instituted a camping fee for our trailers. We now have a parking fee. The FWP wants to double these costs. There is also a move to get their fingers into HB 526. I would support a modest increase of 10% for the next couple of years.

Senator Swift, Dist. No. 32, presented petitions that Rep. Thoft referred to in his statement and stated that the petitions include signatures of 1,131 people from the Bitterroot and Ravalli County that he directly represents. The petitions state that they are opposed to any increase in license fees to resident hunting and fishing and opposed to any increase in the number of nonresident hunting or permits issued. See Exhibit Nos. 17-23.

Kelly Flynn opposes SB 171. See Exhibit No. 24.

#### Questions From Committee Members:

Senator Rye asked Mr. Flynn where he was from and if there was a formal name of the group he represented. He responded that he was an outfitter and a sportsman from Townsend.

Senator Grosfield questioned Dave Mott from the FWP, about the amount of money that will be raised from resident versus nonresident. Dave Mott stated that 55% will come from resident increases and 35% from nonresident.

Senator Grosfield questioned Mr. Mott if 65% of the residents would be evenly distributed across the State or would more of it come from one part of the State than another. Mr. Mott didn't feel that any one part of the State would be paying more than the other.

Senator Rye questioned Sam Babich about his comment that there would be massive disobedience or poaching if license fees were increased and how could he advocate that type of lawlessness by threatening this committee that this would happen if they raised license fees. Mr. Babich apologized for the assumed threat as it was not meant that way. He stated that he was relaying the opinions of the people he has talked to that they will not stand for an increase. He has been told by these people "That if the increase as requested by FWP is approved, the Fish and Game had better hire a lot more game wardens." This was not a threat but merely a statement he was repeating. He felt that the committee should be aware of the good citizens on the street who are talking this way.

Senator Williams questioned Mr. Babich who "they" are that he is referring to. Mr. Babich stated that the people he has talked to are from Butte, Wisdom, Dillon, Anaconda. These are working class people, school teachers, etc. He is merely relaying the comments he has heard.

Senator Grosfield questioned Tony Schoonen regarding his proposed amendment that the program may not provide funding for rights of way across private property where county and public roads are not existent. Mr. Schoonen stated that a large out-of-state corporation is buying property which is owned by a Leon Hearst who makes \$340 million a year and by June of this year he will have 15 ranches in the Dell area alone. He doesn't pay any attention to whether it is a public road or not, he has been closing them when he feels like it. Sportsmen have had to take these people to court to prove that it is a public road either by perscriptive easement or perscriptive right of way. He feels that if there are public rights of way, they should be included in this amendment.

Senator Grosfield questioned Scott Snelson why there is such a difference of opinion regarding the license increase between Missoula and Butte and why the committee is not hearing from anyone else. Mr. Snelson stated that travel to Helena to testify is a good possibility of why more people have not come. He could not clarify the war between Butte and Missoula but feels it has been going on for quite a few years.

Senator Pinsoneault commented that whenever you talk about new increases or new taxes, it gets everyone's attention. No one takes any great pride in sponsoring tax increase legislation. When you are trying to improve something all of us enjoy, it is necessary to increase taxes.

Senator Jergeson asked Senator Svrcek if he had had a chance to look at the amendments offered by Tony Schoonen and if he feels that these will fit within the title of the bill. Senator Svrcek doubted that the amendments would be able to be considered.

Senator Jergeson questioned Director Cool why a bow hunter must buy an A-deer tag which costs \$9.00 then pay \$7.00 for an archery license when a hunter using a gun only has to purchase one license? Director Cool stated that the archery privileges in the State provide greater recreational opportunities than those using rifle firearms and, in the wisdom of the legislature in the past, I presume, that was equated to the fee that would be charged. The Montana Bowhunters Assn. approached the FWP regarding the base fees to be discussed and requested that they assume a small increase. It was the staff's and Commissions's belief that they are already paying an equitable and fair share.

Senator Anderson asked Director Cool that in his presentation it was mentioned that several positions are being held open and what positions would these be? Director Cool stated that for the last

1 1/2 years, the agency self-imposed a 4% vacancy savings and did that to provide cash flow in the general license account so that they would not appear before this legislative session with any potential of being in jeopardy of going broke. We saved \$400,000 in vacancy savings.

Senator Anderson commented that in his area there appears to be fewer game wardens in the field and feels this is one of the more important positions. Director Cool stated the efficiency of law enforcement observations is of the foremost concern of the agency. The FWP believes that not only are they accomplishing that in a very cost effective manner and had just left the Natural Resources Appropriations Committee and they have authorized two additional enforcement positions--one is a covert operative to work under cover and the other is a field investigator which the Committee themselves added to the enforcement division. Director Cool does not feel that there is a need for more uniformed wardens because of the cooperation the FWP has from the landowners and sportsmen in controlling illegal activity.

#### Closing by Sponsor:

Senator Svrcek stated he felt that Rep. Thoft's assumptions would have been correct but for the actions that have been taken by the Appropriations Subcommittee in the last seven days. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst booklet assumes significant cuts in the Department's budget if it was to balance out to the 1995 biennium. The subcommittee that oversees this budget has restored all the cuts and this makes the Department's projections correct and assumes that without the license fees increase, the Department will be getting into the red.

Senator Svrcek addressed the committee's questions. He has an amendment to SB 171 which he will offer to the committee at the time of executive action which will phase the increases in. He also addressed comments made by the people testifying.

Senator Svrcek sympathized with Tony Schoonen and his public access question but because this bill does not address public access, his amendments could not be considered.

Senator Svrcek spoke directly to the sportsmen who do not believe these increases are needed. He stated that in the Appropriations Committee there is a run being made on the general license fund in the amount of \$196,000 to pay for the litigation the Department incurred over the Salish-Kootenai Accord. He did not know if that had been approved but indicates the kinds of requirements and responsibilities that have been laid on this Department in the last ten years that did not exist a decade ago.

This Department, because of necessity, has become more sophisticated, become involved in more issues and they are doing it only with a \$400,000 increase over what they had in 1986.

He urges the committee's support of SB 171. Without it, the Department will become mediocre and we will lose this resource. Montana is one of the last places where a man can hunt to feed his family if he is a proficient hunter.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 239

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

Senator Grosfield made the motion to approve amendments to SB 239. Amendments passed unanimously.

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Jergeson made the motion to pass SB 239 as amended. Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 240

Motion:

Senator Jergeson made the motion to pass SB 240.

Recommendation and Vote:

Senate Bill 240 passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 142

Discussion:

Senator Jergeson asked Director Cool if the outfitters bringing in hunters who were only after trophy bulls and not shooting cow elk was the reason for the over abundance of that sex. Director Cool stated that he didn't think so but felt the increased numbers of cow elk was due to the increase of the elk herds. He feels that SB 142 provides the FWP with an additional tool to harvest cow elk where there are extensive populations. He also felt there was a preference for antlered animals thus leaving more cow elk to escape the hunter's bullet.

Senator Franklin questioned Director Cool why this management problem could not have been handled within the Department.

Director Cool explained that the structure of this particular license which provides a mechanism to direct harvest the overpopulation of the cow segment within a hunting district and yet not restrict the hunter who wants to leave that district from hunting for a bull anywhere else in Montana.

Amendments, Discussion, and Votes:

Amendments were developed that were satisfactory to the sponsor, Senator Beck, Representative Grady and the Department. See Exhibit No. 25.

Senator Svrcek requested Ms. Merrill to quickly explain the amendments. Ms. Merrill explained that they were a reorganization of the original amendments presented at the hearing. The committee statement of intent was approved by the Department. It reiterated that these new regulations would not replace the A-7 license and that the Department was encouraged to actively market the A-7 license.

Senator Svrcek made the motion to approve the amendments. Passed with a majority vote. Senator Franklin voted "No."

Recommendation and Vote:

Senator Rye made the motion to approve SB 142 as amended. Passed by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 5:06 P.M.



BOB WILLIAMS, Chairman



JULIA LEVENS, Secretary

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RESPONSIBILITIES ADDED TO FWP  
OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS

Administrative

1. Superfund Natural Damages Lawsuit and Cleanup

Over the past few years the Department has worked with other entities to assess the environmental damage on the Clark Fork River and to determine the extent of application of the Superfund law.

2. Tribal Relations

The Department has invested considerable resources in negotiations with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes over the past three years. If Montana follows the pattern of other states, this effort will continue with other tribes in future years.

Conservation Education

1. Bowhunter Safety Education

All bowhunters ages 12-17 are required by law to enroll and pass a bowhunter safety program. The instruction is handled by volunteers but the program is administered by the Department.

## SENATE FISH AND GAME

EXHIBIT NO. 2DATE 2/14/91BILL NO. 56171WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES  
COST TO HUNT COMPARISONS \*

Rev. 11/28/90

## RESIDENT

STATE	DEER	ELK	BLACK BEAR	TURKEY	MOUNTAIN LION	MOOSE	ANTELOPE	SHEEP	MOUNTAIN GOAT	SMALL GAME
CO	\$17.25	\$25.25	\$25.25	\$7.75	\$32.25	\$203.25	\$17.25	\$103.25	\$103.25	\$10.25
ID	15.50	21.50	14.00	14.00	18.00	79.00	40.50	79.00	79.00	7.00
MT	11.00	12.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	52.00	8.00	52.00	52.00	8.00
OR	17.00	29.00	20.00	20.00	63.00		38.00	103.00		9.50
UT	15.00	45.00	37.00	17.00	38.00	115.00	40.00	215.00	215.00	12.00
WA	28.50	33.50	28.50	28.50	33.50	163.50		88.50	63.50	21.00
WY (PROPOSED)	30.00	40.00	25.00	15.00	55.00	80.00	30.00	255.00	105.00	
MAX	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$37.00	\$28.50	\$63.00	\$203.25	\$40.50	\$255.00	\$215.00	\$21.00
MT (PROPOSED)	\$19.00	\$24.00	\$19.00	\$15.00	\$19.00	\$79.00	\$16.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	
MT (CURRENT)	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$52.00	\$8.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	
MIN	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$7.75	\$12.00	\$52.00	\$8.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$7.00

## NONRESIDENT

STATE	DEER	ELK	BLACK BEAR	TURKEY	MOUNTAIN LION	MOOSE	ANTELOPE	SHEEP	MOUNTAIN GOAT	SMALL GAME
CO	\$120.25	\$210.25	\$210.25	\$50.25	\$185.25		\$120.25	\$503.25	\$503.25	\$40.25
ID	177.00	322.00	177.00	112.00	187.00	598.00	183.00	598.00	598.00	46.00
MT	200.00	450.00	122.00	68.00	322.00	322.00	122.00	322.00	322.00	55.00
OR	176.00	266.00	176.00	126.00	254.00		229.00	1,004.00		100.50
UT	120.00	220.00	190.00	45.00	290.00	1,120.00	220.00	1,120.00		40.00
WA	176.50	226.50	276.50	141.50	426.50	426.50		426.50	276.50	134.50
WY (PROPOSED)	155.00	405.00	105.00		255.00	505.00	155.00	1,005.00	755.00	
MAX	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$276.50	\$141.50	\$426.50	\$1,120.00	\$229.00	\$1,120.00	\$755.00	\$134.50
MT (PROPOSED)	\$238.00	\$462.00	\$125.00	\$73.00	\$325.00	\$455.00	\$150.00	\$455.00	\$455.00	
MT (CURRENT)	\$200.00	\$450.00	\$122.00	\$68.00	\$322.00	\$322.00	\$122.00	\$322.00	\$322.00	
MIN	\$120.00	\$210.25	\$105.00	\$45.00	\$185.25	\$322.00	\$120.25	\$322.00	\$276.50	\$40.00

\* Price includes prerequisite licenses like Montana's Conservation license

SENATE EXHIBIT NO. 3  
DATE 2/14/91  
BILL NO. SB 171

WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 14 day of February, 1991.

Name: Robert C. Lucas

Address: 5050 Huckleberry Rd.  
Missoula, MT 59803

Telephone Number: 543-8497

Representing whom?

Montana Wildlife Federation

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 171

Do you: Support? ☒ Amend? ☐ Oppose? ☐

Comments:

See prepared statement.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1991.

Name: Bob Lwegrove

Address: 825 Parkview Way  
Missoula, MT

Telephone Number: 549-9832

Representing whom?

Western MT Fish & Game Assoc

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 171

Do you: Support? X Amend?      Oppose?     

Comments:

Support Bill - license fees are still  
lowest of 7 Rocky mtn. & Pacific Northwest  
states, even with increases. Membership  
survey supports fee increases and no  
more non-resident license sales.

We need to adequately fund our fish  
and game management programs to  
maintain the present quality of our  
resources. Fishing license fees should  
be increased enough to support  
that program





WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 14 day of February, 1991.

Name: Gerald R. Dunn

Address: 2015 Ola Drive

Missoula MT. 59802

Telephone Number: 721-5173

Representing whom?

Hellgate Civilian Shooters Assoc & MT. Rifle & Pistol Assoc.

Appearing on which proposal?

36171

Do you: Support? X Amend?      Oppose?     

Comments:

Hunting and fishing licenses, <sup>in Montana</sup> are <sup>a bargain</sup> ~~low~~ as compared to other states. The Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is <sup>performing very well</sup> ~~on the right track~~ with current programs in <sup>law</sup> enforcement, black management, biological and firearms range construction. The fee increase is needed to fund these programs adequately.

Firearms Range development funds are, in part, contingent on a license fee increase. As construction chairman of the largest rifle range construction project in the state and Construction Coordinator for MR & PA, I want to see fire arms range construction, as well as the other programs mentioned, continue.

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In my personal opinion ~~is that~~ the Fish & Game Commission should have the authority to set license fees.

SENATE FISH AND GAME

EXHIBIT NO. 8

DATE 2/14/91

BILL NO. SB 271

TO: SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SENATE BILL 171

Dear Chairman Williams and committee members:

My name is Martin Onishuk. I'm from Missoula. I'm here to urge your support the increase in license fees proposed in Senate Bill 171.

My experiences as a hunter and fisherman over the past 40 years tell me that Montana sportsmen are truly at a crossroads. The notion that wildlife was a public resource and that the public was entitled to free hunting and fishing used to be quite strong. Hunters and fishermen were relatively few and landowners were generous. It was no real problem to find a place to hunt, fish, or camp. But in the past 10 years all that has started to change. And I'm afraid that we have not seen anything yet. Not only has the number of hunters and fishermen increased dramatically, but also the better places to hunt and fish are being closed off to the average sportsman.

There are several reasons for this unfortunate trend. In some cases wildlife habitat is being erased by intensive farming and grazing or subdivisions. In other places the habitat has been purchased and the hunting and fishing reserved for the new owners. Some land owners are shutting down their property because if they leave it open they attract swarms of sportsmen with no place else to go. And now we are seeing the commercialization of hunting and fishing by outfitters who lease blocks of ranches for exclusive use of their clients.

To sum up, in the years ahead finding a place to hunt and fish is going to be the biggest problem for Montana sportsmen.



EXHIBIT NO. 9DATE 2/14/91BILL NO. SB 171WITNESS STATEMENT

To be completed by a person testifying or a person who wants their testimony entered into the record.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1991.

Name: Joseph S. Rice

Address: 4701 South Ave W.

MISSOULA MT 59801

Telephone Number: 406 548-0090

Representing whom?

SELF & WESTERN MONTANA FISH & GAME ASSN

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 171

Do you: Support? ☒ Amend? ☐ Oppose? ☐

Comments:

WE PUT A GREAT DEAL OF EMPHASIS ON ATTRACTING TOURISTS  
AND RECREATIONISTS ALONG WITH NON POLLUTING BUSINESS AND  
INDUSTRY. IN THIS WE ARE COMPETING WITH 49 OTHER STATES  
AND A LARGE NUMBER OF CITIES. LET'S BE SURE TO MAINTAIN  
OUR VERY BEST MANAGEMENT POLICIES CONCERNING OUR ENVIRONMENT  
SINCE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR ECONOMY IS <sup>RELIED</sup> ~~BASED~~  
DIRECTLY TO IT. I SUPPORT RECOMMENDED INCREASES IN  
HUNTING LICENSE FEES <sup>TO</sup> PROVIDE FUNDS TO BE ABLE TO HIRE  
WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS AND ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE IN THE FIELD  
TO ACQUIRE NECESSARY INFORMATION AND RECONCILIATION  
TO PROVIDE THE BEST MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT  
REASONABLY POSSIBLE

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SB171

Testimony of Gene Quenemoen on belf of the Montana  
Wildlife Federation

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee

My name is Gene Quenemoen and I am speaking on behalf of  
the Montana Wildlife Federation, Montana's largest  
conservation organization.

The Montana Wildlife Federation supports Senate Bill  
171. As a member of the Federation's budget oversight  
committee we feel that there is a very real need for  
increases in FWP revenues. The Federation feels very  
strongly that we want to maintain the current level of  
service that the department provides and we feel  
extremely strong about not tapping into earmarked funds  
to offset budget shortfalls.

When the license increases were proposed to the  
Federation they contained a two part phase in. We would  
like that phase in to be reflected in the legislation  
that is passed by this committee.

We believe that the phase in would allow sportspeople to  
better afford the opportunity to hunt and fish. We feel  
50% of the proposed license increase should be  
instituted in the next license year and the remaining  
50% be implemented in three years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1991.

Name: Bob Braach

Address: 6680 Miranda Lane  
Missoula, MT

Telephone Number: 59802

Representing whom?

Self & Western MT Fish & Game Assn

Appearing on which proposal?

SB 171

Do you: Support? X Amend? X Oppose?     

Comments:

Further increases on sheep, moose  
+ goat with increased funds  
 earmarked for study and transplants.  
I Also would oppose any increases in non resident  
licenses available.

I feel that increasing revenue is a  
better option than cutting services.

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Dated this 14 day of FEBRUARY, 1991.

Name: CHARLES PLACE

Address: SIL DORIE TR.

LOLO, MT. 59847

Telephone Number: (406) 273-6320

Representing whom?

SELF AND WESTERN MT. FISH + GAME ASSOCIATION, MISSOULA, MT.

Appearing on which proposal?

SENATE BILL 171

Do you: Support? YES Amend? \_\_\_\_\_ Oppose? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

I WOULD SUPPORT ADDITIONAL LICENSE FEE INCREASES, ESPECIALLY IN ORDER

TO PREVENT ANY CUT IN DEPARTMENT.

I AM FIRMLY OPPOSED ANY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NON-RESIDENT

LICENSES.

I AM FIRMLY OPPOSED TO RAISING ENHANCED FUNDS TO RAISE (SUPPLY) FISHING

WHICH SHOULD COME FROM INCREASES IN LICENSE FEES.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY

SENATE FISH AND GAME  
EXHIBIT NO. 14  
DATE 2/4/91  
BILL NO. SB 171

EXHIBIT 3

# DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS GENERAL LICENSE ACCOUNT

A Report Prepared for the  
**Legislative Finance Committee**  
by



**Roger Lloyd**  
Associate Fiscal Analyst

October 3, 1990

Area	Option 1* For - Against	Option 2 & 3* For - Against	Option 4* For - Against	Option 5* Substantial - Minimal - None	Option 6* For - Against	Option 7* For - Against
Region 1 - Kalispell	0 5	0 1	0 0	0 13 6	1 0	1 0
Region 2 - Missoula	14 34	5 23	0 1	24 56 9	9 6	17 8
Region 3 - Bozeman	2 10	1 15	1 1	5 24 0	2 6	5 0
Region 4 - Great Falls (Includes Helena)	4 7	5 3	0 0	5 16 15	3 0	4 1
Region 5 - Billings	4 10	3 8	0 0	7 26 10	3 0	5 3
Region 6 - Glasgow	3 8	7 2	1 1	5 14 3	8 6	4 0
Region 7 - Miles City	0 1	0 6	0 0	2 8 0	2 0	2 0
Out-of-State	<u>1</u> <u>1</u>	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>	<u>1</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u>	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>
Totals	28 76	21 58	2 3	49 160 43	28 18	38 12

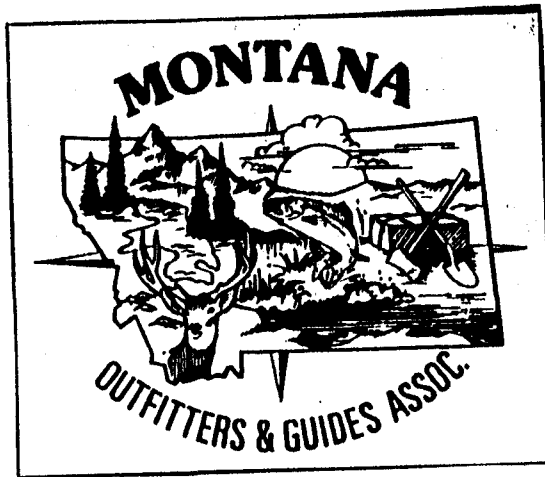
#### \*Options

- 1 - Increase number of non resident combination licenses
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- 7 - Special license raffle

No Action - No fee increases but reduce expenditures.

Source: Compiled by the Office of the Legislative Auditor from the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Park's records.

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SENATE FISH AND GAME  
EXHIBIT NO. 16  
DATE 2/14/91  
BILL NO. SB171

Senate Fish and Game

February 14, 1991

SB171

Oppose ☒ X

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Jack Rich and I represent the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association.

MOGA supports the Fish, Wildlife and Parks department request for additional funds to meet their budget. Maintaining Montana's quality wildlife and fisheries programs are vital to the Outfitting industry.

However, in view of our present economy we don't feel that this is the right time to increase resident license fees. Many Montana residents are facing an uncertain future. With recent mill layoffs and other cutbacks they will need everything they have to just hold on.

Mr. Chairman, there is another alternative.---Biological data indicates we can support additional hunters. Yet, in 1990, over 6000 non-resident hunters applied for, but were unable to obtain a license to hunt in Montana.

Representative Steve Benedict has introduced, at the request of MOGA, House Bill 583 which will increase the number of non-resident hunters which will boost the total economy of Montana with new tourism dollars.

SB171 will only address Fish, Wildlife and Parks deficiency, and does nothing to stimulate our economy. In fact, it takes money out of our local communities to fund Fish, Wildlife and Parks shortfall.

Thank you.



**ATTENTION SPORTSMEN!!!!**

**PROPOSED INCREASES:**

TO GIVE YOUR INPUT CALL YOUR LEGISLATOR AT 444-4800 AND SIGN BELOW.

**SENATE BILL #171**

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Thomas Wardinger	Kal.		X
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Debra J. Hyde			X
David S. Hamilton			X
Kelley S. Hamilton	Kalispell, MT		X
Norma Dizon	Idaho		X
Bruce D. Mitchell	Kalispell, MT		X
Greg M. Elroy	Kalispell, MT		X
Jim Thomas	1145 E 1st Rd Kal		X
Mar Adame	3682 Kk Kalispell, MT		X
Jack Blackwell			X
Darcy Morris	Shipp		X
Allen Field			X
Don Drouilly			X
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SENATE FISH AND GAME

EXHIBIT NO. 24

DATE 2/14/91

BILL NO. SB 171

Senate Fish and Game Committee

February 14, 1991

Senate Bill 171

Oppose x

Mr. Chairman, members of the Senate Fish and Game Committee. My name is Kelly Flynn and I am representing the opinion of 202 individuals who were given an opportunity to pick a choice among alternatives for solving the Fish, Wildlife and Parks budget deficit.

These individuals were your sportsmen who use the grocery stores, gas stations, auto parts stores, hardware stores, restaurants and other businesses of our towns.

It is the individuals who go to high school ball games, your bars, your bowling alleys and even occasionally to public meetings.

I am presenting you with the early results of that questionnaire. Please take one minute and read the questionnaire. Results so far show [if you will mark your sheet]

11-----proposal A

59-----proposal B

82-----proposal C

50-----proposal D

Please look at the results and weigh them in your decision. Thank you for your time.

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 142  
1st Reading Copy

Requested by DFWP  
For the Senate Committee on Fish and Game

Prepared by Andrea Merrill  
February 5, 1991

1. Title, line 5.

Strike: "COW"

Insert: "ANTLERLESS"

Following: "ELK"

Insert: "DURING THE REGULAR HUNTING SEASON"

2. Title, lines 6 and 7.

Strike: "A COW"

Insert: "AN ANTLERLESS"

Strike: "DURING THE REGULAR HUNTING SEASON"

Insert: "IN THE HUNTING DISTRICT WHERE THE PERMIT IS VALID"

3. Page 1, lines 23 through 25.

Following: "hunt" on line 23

Strike: remainder of line 23 through line 25

Insert: "antlerless elk during the regular hunting season is:

(a) limited to the hunting and taking of only an antlerless elk in the hunting district or portion of a hunting district where the permit is valid; and

(b) entitled to the general elk hunting privileges for a holder of an A-5 license in all other hunting districts."

Committee Amendment

4. Page 1, line 9.

Insert: "STATEMENT OF INTENT"

A statement of intent is provided for this bill because the legislature is aware that increasing elk populations are of concern to private landowners who are impacted by increased numbers of elk on their property. This legislation is not intended to replace the A-7 antlerless elk license but is intended to provide flexibility to solve problems that might arise for both landowners and sportsmen regarding surplus antlerless elk. The legislature encourages the fish and game commission and the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to utilize the A-7 antlerless elk license wherever practical."

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Page 1 of 1  
February 15, 1991

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Fish and Game having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 239 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that Senate Bill No. 239 be amended and as so amended do pass:

1. Page 5, line 18.  
Following: "caribou,"  
Insert: "bald eagle,"

2. Page 6, line 25.  
Following: "caribou,"  
Insert: "bald eagle,"

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Bob Williams, Chairman

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Bob Williams*  
Bob Williams, Chairman

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Fish and Game having had under consideration Senate Bill No. 142 (first reading copy -- white), respectfully report that Senate Bill No. 142 be amended and as so amended do pass:

1. Title, line 5.

Strike: "COW"

Insert: "ANTLERLESS"

Following: "ELK"

Insert: "DURING THE REGULAR HUNTING SEASON"

2. Title, lines 6 and 7.

Strike: "A COW"

Insert: "AN ANTLERLESS"

Strike: "DURING THE REGULAR HUNTING SEASON"

Insert: "IN THE HUNTING DISTRICT WHERE THE PERMIT IS VALID"

3. Page 1, line 9.

Insert: "STATEMENT OF INTENT"

A statement of intent is provided for this bill because the legislature is aware that increasing elk populations are of concern to private landowners who are impacted by increased numbers of elk on their property. This legislation is not intended to replace the Class A-7 antlerless elk license but is intended to provide flexibility to solve problems that might arise for both landowners and sportsmen regarding surplus antlerless elk. The legislature encourages the fish and game commission and the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to utilize the Class A-7 antlerless elk license whenever practical."

4. Page 1, lines 23 through 25.

Following: "hunt" on line 23

Strike: remainder of line 23 through line 25

Insert: "antlerless elk during the regular hunting season is:

(a) limited to the hunting and taking of only an antlerless elk in the hunting district or portion of a hunting district where the permit is valid; and

(b) entitled to the general elk hunting privileges for a holder of a Class A-5 license in all other hunting districts."

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Bob Williams, Chairman

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