

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN ROGER DEBRUYCKER, on January 27,
1997, at 8:00 A.M., in Room 201

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Roger DeBruycker, Chairman (R)
Sen. Thomas F. Keating, Vice-Chairman (R)
Sen. Larry L. Baer (R)
Rep. John Johnson (D)
Sen. Linda J. Nelson (D)
Rep. William R. Wiseman (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Roger Lloyd, Legislative Fiscal Division
Theda Rossberg, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: Department of Fish, Wildlife
and Parks
Executive Action: Wildlife Division

Tape 1,A

HEARING DEPARTMENT FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS
WILDLIFE DIVISION

Roger Lloyd, LFD gave an overview of the department budget. Page
C-2 through C-7.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 36.4; Comments: None.}

Questions and responses:

Pat Graham, Director Department Fish, Wildlife and Parks reviewed
some flip charts explaining the department's functions.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 63.4; Comments: Mr. Graham
reviewed some of the funding issues.}

Questions and Responses:

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0; Comments: Please note, Side B of Tape 1 wasn't working.}

Tape 2, A

Mr. Graham reviewed the fish hatcheries and the completion of the ponds.

Questions and Responses:

SEN. NELSON inquired as to feeding the animals and the funding.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: .}

Mr. Graham responded that they did not recommend feeding the animals because of control of animal diseases.

EXHIBIT 1. Mr. Lloyd reviewed some Statutes that will be appearing throughout the division.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23; Comments: .}

EXHIBIT 2, Pages C-46 through C-51. Don Childress, Administrator Wildlife Division gave an overview of the division.

EXHIBIT 2, Page C-47. Mr. Lloyd corrected the figure of \$191,746 to \$13,488 in the 3rd line down under LFD Issues and reviewed the other issues.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 53.3; Comments: .}

EXECUTIVE ACTION WILDLIFE DIVISION

4) Special Data Processing For Harvest Survey:

Motion: SEN. JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 4 FOR \$20,000 EACH YEAR OF THE BIENNIUM.

Discussion:

Amended Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY FOR THE HARVEST SURVEY. Motion carried unanimously.

Original Motion/Vote: Motion carried 5-1 with SEN. BAER voting no.

6) Upland Game Bird Habitat Enhancement:

EXHIBIT 2, Page C-48. Mr. Lloyd reviewed Item 6 with the committee.

Motion; REP. WISEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 6 AND RESTRICTED TO A BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

9. Habitat Enhancement:

EXHIBIT 2, Page C-48. Mr. Lloyd reviewed Item 9 with the committee members.

Questions:

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 50.0; Comments: None.}

Motion/Vote: REP. WISEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 9. Motion carried unanimously.

10) Predator Research:

Mr. Lloyd reviewed Item 10 with the committee.

Discussion:

Don Childress, Administrator Wildlife Division explained the need for eliminating the Black Bear Research Project and initiating mountain lion/deer management.

Tape 2, B

Questions:

Motion: REP. WISEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 10.

Discussion:

Amended Motion/Vote: SEN. BAER AMENDED THE MOTION TO BE RESTRICTED TO THE DESIGNATED PURPOSE. Motion carried unanimously.

Questions:

Original Motion/Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

11) Replacement Equipment:

Questions:

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 11. Motion carried unanimously.

12) Contract Authority;

Motion: REP. WISEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 12, AND IT NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BASE.

Discussion:

EXHIBIT 3, (Item 12). The division reviewed the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture with the committee.

Questions:

EXHIBIT 4. Mr. Lloyd recommended the language on Page C-4.

Amended Motion: SEN. BAER AMENDED THE MOTION TO REFLECT THE OPTION NO. 3, Page C-4.

Discussion:

Withdraw Amended Motion: SEN. BAER WITHDREW HIS AMENDED MOTION.

Original Motion/Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. BAER MOVED TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE NO. 3 ON PAGE C-4 BE APPLIED TO ALL LCA ITEMS INCLUDING ITEM 12 WHICH WAS PASSED AND INCLUDING ITEM d.

Discussion:

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 32.3; Comments: None.}

Mr. Lloyd reviewed the LCA issues.

Questions:

EXHIBIT 5. Mr. Graham explained the FTE on Page C-2.

EXHIBIT 6. Mr. Lloyd referred to Page C-3.

EXHIBIT 4. Substitute Motion: REP. WISEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE ITEM 3, a, b, and c. on Page C-4.

Discussion:

Motion Withdrawn: SEN. BAER WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

Vote: Substitute motion carried unanimously.

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 54.2; Comments: None.}

EXHIBIT 3. Motion: SEN. NELSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE CONTRACT AUTHORITY PROPOSED BY THE DIVISION FOR PRAIRIE POTHOLE JOINT VENTURE PROJECT.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion failed 3-3.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05 P.M.



REP. ROGER DEBRUYCKER, Chairman



THEDA ROSSBERG, Secretary

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