

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DIANE RICE**, on March 11, 2003 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Diane Rice, Chairman (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norman Ballantyne (D)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lisa Gallagher, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Tape stamp refers to material immediately following.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 87, 2/26/2003
Executive Action: SB 22; SB 23; SB 87

HEARING ON SB 87

Sponsor: SENATOR KEN HANSEN, SD 46, HARLEM

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Counter: 0 - 1.4}

SEN. HANSEN submitted his written testimony.
EXHIBIT (agh51a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

Ralph Peck, Director of Montana Department of Agriculture, said that they are in support of this bill.

Barbara Broberg, Women Involved in Farm Economics, said that they are in support of this bill.

Bob Stephens, Montana Grain Growers Association, said that they are in support of this bill.

Danielle Rau, Montana Farm Bureau, said that they are in support of this bill.

Opponents' Testimony: none

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: none

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. HANSEN urged the Committee to support this bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 87

Motion/Vote: REP. THOMAS moved that SB 87 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried 16-0, by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 22

Motion/Vote: REP. JACKSON moved that SB 22 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried 16-0, by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 23

Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 23 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried 16-0, by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:50 P.M.

REP. DIANE RICE, Chairman

LISA GALLAGHER, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (agh51aad)