

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on January 26, 2005
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Staff Present: Annie Glover, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 259, 1/21/2005; SB 277,
1/21/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 _____

HEARING ON SB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on **SB 259**, Land transfer to public ownership requires noxious weed control plan.

00:04:31

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner
Mr. Tom Thompson, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board
Mr. Bob Burns, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board
Mr. Steve Johns, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board
Mr. Bob Gilbert, President, Montana Weed Control Association
Mr. Jeff Welborn, Montana Farm Bureau Board of Directors
Mr. Jerry Marks, Missoula Weed Control District
Ms. Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon
Mr. Mike Volesky, Office of the Governor
Mr. Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrower's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:15:23

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Lauren Frazier, Montana Department of Transportation

00:16:40

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:46

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:57

HEARING ON SB 277

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on **SB 277**, Special fuel users agricultural product temporary trip permit.

00:29:48

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. David Jacobson, Anheuser-Busch

Mr. Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Grower's Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

00:32:18

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Lauren Frazier, Montana Department of Transportation

00:32:54

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:54

Closing by Sponsor:

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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