

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on March 2, 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. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)

Members Absent:

Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 274, 2/25/2005; HB 37,
2/25/2005; HB 195, 2/25/2005
Executive Action: HB 195, HB 37, HB 274

00:00:01

HEARING ON HB 274

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JIM PETERSON (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on **HB 274**,
Revise feed registration and licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:42 **Ms. Nancy Peterson, Director, Department of
Agriculture**

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00:05:13 **Mr. Don Seifert, President, Montana Feed
Association**

00:07:27 **Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers
Association**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:08:46

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:19

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BRUEGGEMAN will carry HB 274 on the Senate Floor.

00:12:54

HEARING ON HB 37

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on **HB 37**,
Retention of interest earned on livestock assessments in per
capita fee account.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:23 **Mr. Gordon Morrison, Montana Association of
Counties**

00:15:44 **Ms. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau**

00:16:00 **Mr. Mark Ridges, Department of Livestock**

00:16:57 **Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers
Association**

00:17:26 **Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:18:25

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:24:32

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. BALES will carry HB 37 on the Senate Floor.

00:25:29

HEARING ON HB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GARY MATTHEWS (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on **HB 195**,
Revise laws governing farm scales.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:44 **Mr. Jack Kane, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Weights and
Measures**

00:30:25 **Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers
Association**

00:30:49 **Ms. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau**

00:31:03 **Mr. Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Growers
Association**

00:31:20 **Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:31:59

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. STEINBEISSER will carry HB 195 on the Senate Floor.

00:32:41

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 195

Motion/Vote: SEN. PEASE moved that HB 195 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BRUEGGEMAN voted
aye by proxy.

00:33:11

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 37

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that HB 37 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BRUEGGEMAN
voted aye by proxy.

00:36:01

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 274

Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that HB 274 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. BRUEGGEMAN voted
aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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