

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND
COMMERCE**

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Ripley, on February 5, 2007 at
8:00 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Ripley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch
Christie Messer, Committee Secretary

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: Department of Agriculture DP's
Executive Action: None

Meeting with the Department of Agriculture

00:00:19 Pam Joehler

EXHIBIT (jnh25a01)

EXHIBIT (jnh25a02)

00:03:00 Nancy K. Peterson, Director Montana Department of
Agriculture (DOAG)

00:05:05 Kathy Seacat, Administrator, DOAG Central Services
Division

EXHIBIT (jnh25a03)

00:15:01 Rep. Ripley

00:15:43 Ms. Seacat

00:15:48 Sen. Tash

00:16:08 Rep. Ripley

00:16:41 Ms. Seacat

00:17:10 Sen. Tropila

00:18:38 Ms. Seacat

DP 1501-Program 15 Base Budget Adjustments

00:23:10 Ms. Seacat

00:23:14 Sen. Tash

00:23:50 Ms. Seacat

00:23:55 Sen. Tash

DP 1502-E Government IT-OTO

00:27:17 Ms. Seacat

00:28:11 Sen. Tropila

00:28:30 Ms. Seacat

00:28:55 Rep. Ripley

00:29:33 Ms. Seacat

00:29:37 Rep. Ripley

00:30:04 Ms. Seacat

00:30:30 Greg Ames, Administrator of Science Division, DOAG

00:41:43 Sen. Tropila

00:42:22 Mr. Ames

00:42:27 Sen. Tropila

00:43:12 Mr. Ames

00:44:00 Sen. Hansen

00:45:06 Mr. Ames

00:48:10 Sen. Hansen

00:49:06 Mr. Ames

00:49:13 Rep. Ripley

00:49:20 Mr. Ames

EXHIBIT (jnh25a04)

DP 3001-Program 30 Base Budget Adjustments

00:53:06 Mr. Ames
00:53:09 Rep. Ripley
00:53:13 Mr. Ames
00:53:18 Rep. Ripley
00:54:04 Mr. Ames
00:54:07 Sen. Tropila
00:54:57 Mr. Ames

DP 3004-Commodity Bureau

00:56:06 Mr. Ames

DP 3005-Pesticide Program

00:57:32 Mr. Ames
00:57:54 Sen. Hansen
00:58:14 Mr. Ames
00:58:17 Sen. Hansen

DP 3003-Noxious Weed Trust Fund OTO

01:00:41 Mr. Ames
01:01:10 Rep. Ripley
01:03:31 Mr. Ames
01:03:35 Ms. Joehler
01:03:38 Rep. Ripley

DP 3011-Bozeman Lab Equipment-OTO, BIEN

01:06:03 Mr. Ames
01:06:33 Rep. Ripley
01:07:46 Mr. Ames

DP 3002-Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)

01:08:49 Mr. Ames
01:12:10 Rep. Witte
01:13:14 Mr. Ames
01:13:19 Sen. Hansen
01:13:35 Mr. Ames

DP 3010-Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grants Increase

01:15:56 Mr. Ames

01:16:54 Joe Clairmont, Deputy Department Director, and
Administrator of Agricultural Development
01:24:27 Sen. Hansen
01:24:35 Mr. Clairmont

DP 5004-Montana State Hail Insurance Database IT (OTO, BIEN)

01:26:06 Mr. Clairmont

DP 5005-Agriculture in Montana Schools

01:27:14 Mr. Clairmont
01:27:25 Sen. Hansen

DP 5006-Alfalfa Seed Committee

01:28:56 Mr. Clairmont

DP 5007-Montana Agricultural Statistics Services Bulletin

01:29:27 Mr. Clairmont

DP 5008- Federal Marking Appropriation Authority

01:30:57 Mr. Clairmont
01:31:07 Sen. Tropila
01:31:11 Mr. Clairmont
01:31:22 Sen. Tash

DP 5014-Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act CST

01:34:04 Mr. Clairmont
EXHIBIT (jnh25a05)
01:34:56 Rep. Ripley
01:35:08 Mr. Clairmont
01:36:10 Sen. Tropila
01:37:42 Mr. Clairmont
01:40:30 Sen. Tropila
01:42:18 Rep. Ripley
01:42:38 Rep. Witte
01:44:07 Mr. Clairmont
01:44:19 Ms. Seacat
01:44:54 Rep. Witte
01:45:19 Ms. Seacat
01:45:25 Rep. Witte
01:46:15 Ms. Seacat
01:46:40 Ms. Peterson
01:57:30 Rep. Ripley

01:57:35 Ms. Peterson
01:57:39 Rep. Ripley
01:58:02 Rep. Witte
01:59:03 Ms. Peterson
01:59:09 Rep. Witte
01:59:53 Ms. Seacat
02:00:05 Rep. Witte

Public Testimony

02:01:01 Scott Bockness, Yellowstone Weed Control Association
02:02:38 Pam Langley, Montana Agricultural Business Association,
02:05:32 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Foundation,
02:07:56 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics, (WIFE)
02:09:33 Rep. Witte

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ADJOURNMENT

02:12:50 Adjournment

REP. RICK RIPLEY, Chairman

CHRISTIE MESSER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jnh25aad.pdf](#))