

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on March 12, 2009
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, 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: HB 418, 3/2/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 418

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:50 Rep. Edward Butcher (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 418, Authorize investor owned livestock slaughter and processing plants.

00:02:34 Sen. Brown present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:59 Rep. Sue Wallis, HD 52, Wyoming
EXHIBIT (ags55a01)

00:19:04 Rep. Tony Belcourt, HD 32
00:19:52 Trevis Butcher, Winifred
EXHIBIT (ags55a02)

00:21:33 Ron Burns
EXHIBIT (ags55a03)

00:24:34 Collin Barth
00:25:43 Marilyn Randall, American Quarter Horse Association
EXHIBIT (ags55a04)

00:29:17 Stan Weaver, Montana Quarter Horse Association
00:31:25 Kelly Anne Terry
00:32:08 Emily Brant
00:34:05 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
EXHIBIT (ags55a05)

00:36:19 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association
00:37:42 J.D. Svedberg
00:38:44 T. David Eness
00:39:06 Robert Reilly, Reilly Ranch
EXHIBIT (ags55a06)

00:41:51 Logan Butcher
00:42:28 Sharlyn Metcalf
00:45:19 Joshua Butcher
00:45:35 Ellie Eness
00:45:47 Bill Parker, Billings Livestock Commission (BLC)
00:47:45 Renee Mantle, Montana Horses, Montana Farm Bureau Equine Company
00:48:32 Kail Mantle, Montana Horses, Montana Farm Bureau Equine Company

00:49:46 Pam Parker, Billings

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a07\)](#)

00:51:40 Mark Himmel

00:51:51 Mike Hollenbeck, Board of Directors, National High School Rodeo Association

00:52:33 Bill Schelm, Billings

00:52:53 Wayne Pacheco, Quarter Horse Breeder, Helena Valley

00:54:26 Dennis Peppenger

00:54:45 Bob Hanson, President, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:56:35 Margaret Duezabou

00:56:46 Cliff Cox, Rancher, Broadwater County

00:57:33 Dave Abel, Rancher

00:57:56 Nate Hould, N Bar H Ranch

00:58:29 Gail Smith

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a08\)](#)

01:00:57 Doug Landers

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a09\)](#)

01:01:04 Alta Boyes

01:01:12 Amy Sweeney

01:01:20 Nancy Delaney Weaver

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a10\)](#)

01:01:33 Shane Vaira, Richey

01:01:45 Doug Mefford

01:01:52 Rick Breckenridge

01:02:04 Cheryl Moldenhauer

01:02:15 Clint Casterline

01:02:29 Joe Woodhead

01:02:42 Jan Finn, J Bar F Promotion Horses

01:03:33 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmer's Union

01:03:46 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association,
Montana Cattle Women

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a11\)](#)

01:04:01 Jim Brown, Dillon, Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:24 George Golie, Deputy Director, Humane Society U.S.A.,
(HSUSA)

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a12\)](#)

01:09:04 Jeff Hudson

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a13\)](#)

01:10:58 Carol Morris

EXHIBIT (ags55a14)

01:13:52 Vic Andersen

01:15:30 Paula Bacon, Former Mayor, Kaufman, Texas

EXHIBIT (ags55a15)

01:18:54 Edwin Bender

01:21:56 Penny Arnold

01:23:37 Dr. Lisa Jacobson, Equine Veterinarian

EXHIBIT (ags55a16)

01:24:39 Chairman Steinbeisser left the room.

01:25:04 Sen. Jackson left the room.

01:25:05 Sen. Murphy took the chair.

01:26:28 Jane Heath, Executive Director, Montana Horse
Sanctuary (MHS)

EXHIBIT (ags55a17)

01:29:05 Chairman resumed the chair.

01:29:16 Barbara Thomas

01:30:36 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

01:33:19 Caryn Miske, Attorney

01:35:56 Kim Ramuta

01:36:12 Nancy Bates, At Home On The Range Pet Cemetery and
Crematory

EXHIBIT (ags55a18)

01:38:25 Catherine Schaeffer

01:40:00 Kathy Luedtke

EXHIBIT (ags55a19)

01:43:03 Mary Ann Wegner

01:45:31 Dr. Krista Lorenz, Belgrade Veterinarian

EXHIBIT (ags55a20)

01:48:44 Joanna Dove

01:50:55 Wendy Hergenraeder, Billings

01:51:26 Sandra Elmore

01:53:02 Mary Garrett

01:53:29 Abigail Hornik, Billings

01:55:01 Ray Brown

01:55:18 Mike Luedtke

EXHIBIT (ags55a21)

01:57:35 Joe Stavinoha, Butte

01:57:51 Lisa Thomas

01:58:01 JoDel Travis

02:00:02 Kristin Erickson

02:00:18 Effie Orser, Immigrant, Montana
 02:00:53 Christine Nilsson
 02:01:35 Joan Specking
 02:02:33 Linda Metzger
 02:03:22 Virginia Hudson, Bitterroot Valley, Montana

Informational Testimony:

02:03:55 Christian MacKay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of
 Livestock (BOL)
 02:03:56 Sen. Larsen left the room.

Questions from Committee Members and Response:

02:04:32 Sen. Hansen
 02:05:34 Rep. Wallis
 02:07:18 Sen. Hansen
 02:07:23 Rep. Wallis
 02:08:18 Sen. Hansen
 02:09:08 Ms. Bacon
 02:09:25 Sen. Ripley
 02:09:59 Rep. Butcher
 02:10:46 Sen. Ripley
 02:10:57 Rep. Butcher
 02:12:04 Sen. Ripley
 02:12:21 Rep. Butcher
 02:13:01 Sen. Larsen present
 02:13:15 Sen. Murphy
 02:14:02 Dr. Lorenz
 02:14:54 Sen. Larsen
 02:15:40 Rep. Butcher
 02:19:17 Sen. Brown
 02:19:49 Mr. Golie, HSUSA
 02:20:29 Sen. Brown
 02:20:42 Mr. Golie, HSUSA
 02:20:59 Sen. Larsen left the room.
 02:21:12 Sen. Brown
 02:21:49 Mr. Golie, HSUSA
 02:22:14 Sen. Brown
 02:22:40 Ms. Heath, MHS
 02:22:50 Dr. Jacobson
 02:24:06 Sen. Brown
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02:27:40 Mr. Parker, BLC
02:28:41 Sen. Brown
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02:28:51 Sen. Brown
02:29:16 Mr. Parker, BLC
02:29:55 Sen. Brown
02:30:09 Mr. Parker, BLC
02:31:04 Sen. Hansen
02:31:39 Mr. MacKay, BOL
02:31:54 Chairman Steinbeisser
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02:38:08 Sen. Hamlett
02:38:18 Ms. Bacon
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02:50:48 Sen. Hamlett
02:51:05 Rep. Butcher
02:51:17 Sen. Ripley left the room.
02:52:40 Sen. Hamlett
02:52:51 Rep. Butcher
02:53:22 Sen. Ripley present

Closing by Sponsor:

02:55:28 Rep. Butcher
EXHIBIT (ags55a22)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:20 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a23\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a24\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a25\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ags55a26\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT \(ags55aad.pdf\)](#)