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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on February 1, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chair (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, 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 195, 2/24/2011; SB 218, 2/25/2011

Executive Action: SB 148

HEARING ON SB 195

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:42 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 195, Revise laws related to Montana seed laboratory.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:58 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union
00:03:56 Sen. Windy Boy now present
00:04:57 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:05:33 Mike De Vries, representing himself
00:06:07 Bob Quinn, Kamut Associates and representing himself
00:06:42 Bob Hodgskiss, representing himself
00:07:47 Bing Von Bergen, Director, Montana Grain Growers Association

EXHIBIT(ags25a01)

00:09:08 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)
00:09:28 Jim Kulish, representing himself
00:10:01 Jeff Jacobsen, Dean of College of Agriculture, Montana State University, and Director of Montana Agriculture Experiment Station

Opponents' Testimony:

00:11:58 Cindy Swank, representing herself

EXHIBIT(ags25a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:13:59 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agriculture Sciences Division, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:55 Sen. Larsen
00:16:21 Dr. Jacobsen
00:17:53 Sen. Larsen
00:18:17 Dr. Jacobsen
00:19:25 Sen. Brown
00:19:50 Dr. Jacobsen
00:21:12 Sen. Brown
00:21:28 Dr. Jacobsen
00:22:20 Sen. Brown
00:22:38 Mr. Hodgskiss
00:25:58 Sen. Brown
00:26:21 Mr. Hodgskiss
00:27:01 Sen. Hawks
00:27:50 Mr. Ames, AGR
00:28:06 Sen. Hawks

00:28:14 Mr. Ames

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:53 Sen. Ripley

HEARING ON SB 218

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:23 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 218, Establish procedures related to protected plants.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:22 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags25a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags25a04\)](#)

00:43:47 Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

00:47:46 Bob Quinn, Kamut Associates and representing himself

00:52:37 Vice-Chair Brown

00:52:43 Mr. Quinn

00:53:01 Dan Biggerstaff, Barkley Ag Enterprises

00:54:12 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

00:55:23 Kelly Brester, Vice-President, Mountain States Beet Growers of Montana

00:55:42 Russel Steinbeisser, Montana Dakota Beet Growers Association

00:56:24 Jeff Wallace, Montana Dakota Beet Growers Association

00:56:55 Shane Strecker, Mountain States Sugar Beet Growers of Montana

00:57:18 Kevin Bradley, Past President, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:57:42 Todd Tibbetts, representing himself

00:58:06 Bob Hodgskiss, Syngenta/Agripro

00:59:50 Patrick Hackley, Producer

01:00:26 Ole Nougard, representing himself

01:02:24 Vice-Chair Brown

01:02:32 Curt Droogsma, Winfield Solutions and MABA

01:03:28 Daryll Lassila, Montana Organic Association (MOA)

01:04:06 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation and Chairman, Montana Agricultural Coalition

01:05:26 Vice-Chair Brown

01:05:59 Jonda Crosby, Alternative Energy Resources Association (AERO)

01:06:55 Cindy Swank

[EXHIBIT\(ags25a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:12:31 Sen. Moore
 01:13:04 Ms. Evans
 01:13:26 Sen. Moore
 01:13:42 Ms. Evans
 01:13:51 Sen. Larsen
 01:14:23 Sen. Hawks
 01:15:35 Vice Chair Brown
 01:15:44 Sen. Ripley
 01:16:31 Ms. Evans
 01:17:10 Vice Chair Brown
 01:17:38 Mr. Steinbeisser

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:36 Chairman Steinbeisser
 01:24:00 Recess
 01:30:34 Reconvene
 01:30:35 Sen. Windy Boy not present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148

01:31:18 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 148 DO PASS.**

01:31:45 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(ags25a06\)](#)

Discussion:

01:31:58 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:33:37 Sen. Hawks
 01:34:55 Chairman Steinbeisser
 01:35:04 Sen. Wittich
 01:35:52 Sen. Hawks
 01:36:11 Sen. Ripley
 01:36:31 Ms. O'Connell, LSD

01:36:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:37:16 **Motion:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 148 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:37:22 Sen. Larsen

01:38:00 Sen. Moore

01:39:39 Sen. Brown

01:41:49 Sen. Hawks

01:43:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-9 by roll call vote with Sen. Branae and Sen. Hawks voting aye. Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

01:44:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 148 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote by those present and voting.

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(ags25a07)

Letter from Paul Morano dated February 1, 2011 concerning SB 195

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:4:45

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags25aad.pdf](#))