

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on March 10, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chair (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
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. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Rinay Bender, 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: HB 498, 3/10/2011; HB 541, 3/10/2011; SJ 15, 3/10/2010

HEARING ON HB SJ15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:18 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SJ 15, Study resolution on bonding requirement for ag commodities and grain industry.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:53 Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grain Growers (MGGA)
00:04:07 Aeric Reilly, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:05:08 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)
00:06:49 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:07:34 Dan Kidd, MGGA
00:08:11 Carol Lambert, Women Involving Farm Economics (WIFE)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:32 Sen. Moore
00:10:08 Sen. Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:50 Sen. Tutvedt

HEARING ON HB 541

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:44 Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 541, Exempt domestic livestock trailing from FWP regulation and MEPA.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:50 Jim Brown, Montana Woolgrowers Association (MWGA)
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[EXHIBIT\(ags54a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(ags54a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(ags54a04\)](#)
00:19:15 Aeric Reilly, MFU
00:20:55 Sen. Brown arrived at the meeting.
00:21:18 Nicole Rolf, MFBF

00:22:10 Sen. Steinbeisser left the meeting.
00:23:14 Carol Lambert, WIFE
00:23:55 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana
CattleWomen

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:55 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
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Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:32:19 Sen. Ripley
00:33:01 Mr. Noonan, FWP
00:34:38 Sen. Brown
00:35:23 Mr. Brown, MWA
00:37:56 Sen. Brown
00:38:49 Mr. Brown
00:39:49 Sen. Brown
00:40:26 Mr. Brown
00:40:40 Sen. Hawks
00:40:56 Mr. Noonan
00:42:53 Sen. Hawks
00:43:03 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:29 Rep. Welborn

HEARING HB 498

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:22 Rep. Gary MacLaren (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 498, Clarifying
irrigation district voting and petition requirements for bonding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:43 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:51:43 John Crowley, Manager, Bitterroot Irrigation District (BRID)
00:53:01 Paul Barteni, Manager, Daly Ditches
00:55:10 Jim Foster, Manager, Helena Valley Irrigation District

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:16 Rep. MacLaren

ADJOURNMENT

00:58:46 Sen. Brown adjourned the meeting.

Rinay Bender, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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