

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on March 15, 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. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Rinay Bender, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 166, 3/3/2011; HB 133, 3/3/2011

Executive Action on SJ 15 and HB 273

Discussion on HB 541

HEARING ON HB 133

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 Rep. Daniel Salomon (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 133, Provide for court orders, fines, liens for noncompliance with noxious weed laws.
 00:06:17 Sen. Ripley arrived at the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:10 Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)
 00:15:11 Gary Olsen, Weed Supervisor, Wheatland County
 00:16:38 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy arrived at the meeting.
 00:24:31 John Moodry, Weed Supervisor, Butte-Silver Bow County
 00:29:31 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 00:32:29 Kelliann Morris, Ravalli County Weed District, President, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
 00:33:59 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
 00:34:50 Jessie Luther, BNSF Railway Company
 00:35:48 Amy Adler, Rosebud County Weed Coordinator
 00:38:51 Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:05 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 00:50:03 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)
 00:50:58 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)
 00:51:53 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
 00:53:58 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGAs), Montana CattleWomen

Informational Testimony:

00:55:28 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:08 Sen. Ripley
 00:56:39 Rep. Salomon
 00:56:46 Sen. Ripley
 00:57:05 Rep. Salomon
 00:57:16 Mr. Jensen, DOAg
 00:58:38 Sen. Ripley
 00:58:55 Mr. Jensen
 01:01:39 Sen. Branae
 01:02:08 Rep. Salomon
 01:02:20 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:02:35 Rep. Salomon
 01:03:40 Sen. Branae

01:03:50 Rep. Salomon
01:04:12 Mr. Jensen
01:08:14 Sen. Hawks
01:10:15 Mr. Jensen
01:10:56 Sen. Hawks
01:11:02 Sen. Windy Boy
01:11:43 Mr. Jensen
01:13:08 Sen. Windy Boy
01:13:23 Mr. Jensen
01:13:50 Sen. Larsen left the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:02 Rep. Salomon

HEARING ON HB 166

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:13 Rep. John Esp (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 166, Revise weed control laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:56 John Moodry, Weed Coordinator, Butte-Silver Bow County
01:28:57 Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County Commissioner
01:29:52 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:33:47 Gary Olsen, Weed Supervisor, Wheatland County
01:36:16 Kelliann Morris, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA), Ravalli County
Weed Supervisor
01:36:46 Amy Adler, Rosebud County Weed Coordinator
01:38:14 Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:39:41 Sen. Ripley
01:40:08 Rep. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

01:40:25 Rep. Esp

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 15

01:41:19 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:42:10 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:43:08 **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **SJ 15 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:43:33 Sen. Moore
01:45:08 Sen. Hawks
01:45:41 Sen. Moore
01:46:21 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:46:35 Sen. Windy Boy
01:47:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hutton, Sen. Moore, Sen. Murphy and Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Brown and Sen. Larsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 273

01:49:00 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 273 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:49:20 Sen. Hawks
01:50:34 Ms. O'Connell, LSD
01:51:33 Sen. Hawks
01:51:53 Ms. O'Connell
01:52:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brown and Sen. Larsen voted by proxy. Sen. Ripley will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 541

01:53:46 **Motion:** Sen. Hutton moved that **HB 541 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:54:00 Sen. Hawks
01:56:01 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:56:12 Sen. Hawks
01:56:40 Sen. Ripley
01:58:15 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:58:22 Sen. Branae
01:58:49 Sen. Moore
01:59:28 Sen. Hawks
02:00:16 Sen. Ripley
02:00:38 Sen. Hawks
02:01:07 Sen. Steinbeisser
02:01:27 Sen. Ripley
02:01:51 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:03:00 Sen. Hawks

02:03:16 Ms. O'Connell

02:04:09 Sen. Hawks

02:04:22 Ms. O'Connell

02:04:48 **Sen. Hutton WITHDREW MOTION HB 541 BE CONCURRED IN.**

ADJOURNMENT

02:05:54 Sen. Steinbeisser adjourned the meeting.

Rinay Bender, Secretary

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