

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Krayton Kerns, on February 1, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Krayton Kerns, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Wagner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Timothy Furey, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. David Howard (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Sterling Small (R)  
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch  
Lauren Head, 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: HB 287, 1/27/2011

Executive Action : HB 303, HB 273, HB 166, HB 294, HB 133, HB 314

**HEARING ON HB 287****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:25 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 287, Collection of wolf hides for benefit of livestock loss reduction & mitigation.

00:01:41 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.

00:03:58 Rep. Evans joined the meeting.

00:04:06 Rep. Small joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:17 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)  
[EXHIBIT\(agh25a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:12:52 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)  
[EXHIBIT\(agh25a02\)](#)

00:16:01 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Mitigation Coordinator, Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Board (LLRMB)

[EXHIBIT\(agh25a03\)](#)

00:17:59 Kraig Glazier, US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services (USDA WS)

00:19:26 George Harris, Chief Financial Officer, Board of Livestock

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:19:57 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:20:28 Mr. Noonan

00:20:38 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:20:47 Mr. Noonan

00:20:50 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:21:13 Mr. Noonan

00:21:17 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:21:28 Mr. Noonan

00:21:50 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:22:02 Mr. Noonan

00:22:04 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:23:00 Mr. Noonan

00:23:34 Vice Chairman Wagner  
00:24:09 Mr. Noonan  
00:24:28 Rep. McNiven  
00:25:37 Rep. Clark  
00:26:07 Rep. McNiven  
00:26:25 Rep. Clark  
00:27:17 Rep. McNiven  
00:27:32 Mr. Glazier  
00:27:36 Rep. McNiven  
00:28:05 Mr. Glazier  
00:30:47 Rep. McNiven  
00:31:29 Mr. Glazier  
00:32:47 Rep. McNiven  
00:32:52 Mr. Glazier  
00:33:26 Mr. Noonan  
00:33:49 Rep. Williams  
00:34:08 Mr. Harris  
00:34:12 Rep. Williams  
00:34:24 Mr. Harris  
00:35:18 Rep. Williams  
00:35:24 Mr. Harris  
00:35:29 Rep. Williams  
00:35:45 Mr. Harris  
00:36:04 Rep. Hale  
00:36:26 Mr. Glazier  
00:36:54 Rep. Evans  
00:37:17 Mr. Noonan  
00:37:27 Rep. Evans  
00:37:49 Mr. Glazier  
00:38:24 Rep. Evans  
00:38:38 Mr. Glazier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:38 Rep. Clark  
00:40:22 Rep Hoven left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 314**

00:41:13 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 314 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:41:36 Rep. Randall  
00:41:55 Rep. Smith  
00:42:29 Mr. Bohyer  
00:42:35 Rep. Smith  
00:42:38 Mr. Bohyer

00:42:49 Rep. Smith  
00:42:54 Mr. Bohyer  
00:42:58 Chairman Kerns  
00:43:21 Rep. Smith  
  
00:43:40 Rep. Wagner rescinded the previous motion.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 303**

00:43:53 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 303 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:44:11 Rep Fitzpatrick  
00:44:39 Rep. MacDonald  
  
00:45:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-20 by voice vote with Rep. Noonan voting aye.  
Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven, and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.  
  
00:45:21 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 303 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE  
REVERSED.**  
  
00:46:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 273**

00:46:14 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 273 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:46:30 Rep McNiven  
00:47:00 Rep Mehlhoff  
00:47:37 Rep Saloman  
  
00:47:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and  
Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 166**

00:49:17 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 166 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:49:32 Rep Fitzpatrick  
00:50:28 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 166 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(agh25a04)**

**Discussion:**

00:50:37 Rep Fitzpatrick

00:51:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

00:53:00 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 166 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:53:11 Chairman Kerns

00:52:28 Rep. McNiven

00:53:54 Rep. Williams

00:54:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Williams voting aye. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

00:55:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 166 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

00:55:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 294**

00:55:43 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 294 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:56:18 Rep MacDonald

00:57:59 Mr. Bohyer

00:58:09 Rep. Wagner

01:00:19 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 294 BE AMENDED WITH A CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.**

**Discussion:**

01:00:41 Mr. Bohyer

01:00:58 Rep. Randall

01:01:32 Rep. MacDonald

01:01:55 Rep. Wagner

01:03:04 Rep. MacDonald

01:03:44 Rep. Wagner

01:04:15 Rep. MacDonald

01:04:52 Chairman Kerns

01:05:11 Rep. Wagner  
01:05:29 Rep. MacDonald  
01:07:17 Rep. Williams  
01:08:20 Mr. Bohyer  
01:09:15 Rep. Clark

01:10:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Noonan and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

01:11:29 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 294 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:11:40 Rep. Randall  
01:12:06 Rep. Wagner

01:12:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-2 by voice vote with Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Small voting no. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 133**

01:13:27 **Motion:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 133 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:13:49 Rep. Clark  
01:14:23 Mr. Bohyer

01:14:54 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 133 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(agh25a05)**

**Discussion:**

01:15:13 Rep. Salomon  
01:23:50 Rep. Randall  
01:24:46 Rep. Wagner  
01:26:20 Mr. Bohyer  
01:27:00 Rep. Clark  
01:27:24 Rep. MacDonald  
01:27:44 Rep. Williams  
01:28:52 Rep. Salomon  
01:30:03 Rep. Williams

01:30:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

01:30:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagner moved that **HB 133 DO PASS BE RESCINDED AND BE POSTPONED FOR A LATER MEETING.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Furey, Rep. Hoven and Rep. Howard voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:31:39      Adjournment

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Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh25aad.pdf](#))**