

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Krayton Kerns, on March 3, 2011 at 3:27 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Krayton Kerns, Chair (R)
Rep. Timothy Furey, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Christy Clark (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: Rep. David Howard (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lauren Head, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 470, 2/23/2011; HB 515, 2/23/2011

Executive Action: HB 470, HB 286

HEARING ON HB 470**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:54 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 470, Increase hunting license fees to fund livestock loss reduction mitigation fund.

00:02:10 Rep. Williams joined the meeting.

00:02:21 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.

00:02:38 Rep. Hoven joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:19 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
[EXHIBIT\(agh48a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:21 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

00:06:38 Rep. Noonan joined the meeting.

00:07:32 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:08:28 Dave Skinner, self

00:09:30 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

00:10:05 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers

Informational Testimony:

00:10:43 Elaine Allestad, Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Board (LLRMB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:03 Vice Chairman Wagner

00:12:18 Rep. Clark

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:28 Rep. Clark

HEARING ON HB 515**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:00 Rep. Sue Malek (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 515, Provide for maximum number of dogs and minimum standards of care.

[EXHIBIT\(agh48a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh48a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:58 Wendy Hergenraeder, Montana State Director, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

[EXHIBIT\(agh48a04\)](#)

00:28:12 Patti Prato, Veterinarian, Missoula

00:31:18 Vicki Dawson, Director, Bitterroot Humane Society

00:33:08 Carol Bradley, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh48a05\)](#)

00:38:00 Breanne Black-Ender, self

00:38:34 Elizabeth Stone, Humane Society of Western Montana (HSWM)

00:39:39 Lora O'Conner, Director, HSWM

00:40:33 Margaret Ambrose Barton, self

00:41:22 Jesse Applebury, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh48a06\)](#)

00:41:58 Dave Pauli, Montana Animal Care Association (MACA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:31 Bill Mattice, self

00:53:33 Susan Cecnle, self

00:56:12 Cara Greger, self

01:01:39 Julie Anderson, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh48a07\)](#)

01:02:14 Rep. Furey left the meeting.

01:04:48 Florence Mattice, self

01:05:37 Janet Kosnik, self

01:07:24 Rep. Furey rejoined the meeting.

01:07:32 Larry Latzke, LDR Kennels

[EXHIBIT\(agh48a08\)](#)

01:11:38 Rep. MacDonald

01:11:47 Mr. Latzke

01:12:14 Linda Compton, self

01:13:10 Margaret Duezabou, self

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:14 Vice Chair Wagner

01:15:29 Mr. Pauli

01:15:33 Vice Chair Wagner
01:15:37 Mr. Pauli
01:15:39 Vice Chair Wagner
01:15:46 Mr. Pauli
01:15:50 Vice Chair Wagner
01:15:55 Rep. MacDonald
01:16:10 Vice Chair Wagner
01:16:38 Mr. Pauli
01:17:09 Rep. MacDonald
01:17:47 Mr. Pauli
01:19:08 Rep. MacDonald
01:19:55 Mr. Pauli
01:20:52 Rep. Williams
01:21:25 Mr. Mattice
01:21:30 Rep. Williams
01:21:39 Mr. Mattice
01:22:23 Rep. Williams
01:22:36 Ms. Greger
01:24:30 Rep. Williams
01:24:44 Ms. Greger
01:25:35 Rep. Williams
01:25:55 Ms. Bradley
01:25:56 Rep. Williams
01:26:01 Ms. Bradley
01:26:37 Rep. Williams
01:27:15 Mr. Pauli
01:27:46 Rep. Furey
01:28:15 Dr. Prato
01:28:54 Rep. Furey
01:29:45 Dr. Prato
01:31:28 Rep. Furey
01:31:49 Dr. Prato
01:32:16 Ms. Ceckle
01:34:11 Ms. Greger

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:15 Rep. Malek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 470

01:39:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 470 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 20-1 by voice vote with Rep. Wagner voting no. Rep. Howard and Rep. Randall were absent and did not vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 286

01:40:56 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 286 DO PASS.**

01:41:52 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 286 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh48a09)

Discussion:

01:42:08 Rep. Clark
01:42:20 Rep. MacDonald
01:42:32 Rep. Clark
01:42:48 Vice Chair Wagner
01:43:04 Rep. Clark
01:43:10 Vice Chair Wagner
01:43:41 Rep. Clark
01:43:59 Chairman Kerns
01:44:16 Rep. Clark
01:44:39 Rep. MacDonald
01:44:54 Rep. Williams
01:45:14 Rep. Clark

01:45:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Hale, Rep. McNiven and Rep. Wagner voting no. Rep. Howard and Rep. Randall voted by proxy.

01:47:13 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 286 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:47:25 Rep. McNiven

01:48:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hale, Rep. Hoven, Rep. McClafferty, Rep. McNiven, Rep. Salomon, Rep. Small and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Howard and Rep. Randall voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:49:40 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh48aad.pdf](#))