

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Krayton Kerns, on March 17, 2011 at 3:36 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Bob Wagner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Sterling Small (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)

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: SB 216, 3/9/2011; SB 218, 3/9/2011; SB 277, 3/9/2011

HEARING ON SB 277**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:14 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 277, Revise duties of Dept of Livestock re federal beef promotion; beef check off.

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:59 Ed Ward, self

00:12:40 Watty Taylor, President, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a03\)](#)

00:17:15 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:18:48 Rep. Fitzpatrick left the meeting.

00:19:17 Cliff Cox, self

00:20:40 Rep. Pease-Lopez left the meeting.

00:21:02 Gene Curry, Second Vice President, MSGA

00:23:09 Sen. Jim Peterson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

00:25:39 Christian MacKay, Department of Livestock

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:34:48 Jim Steinbeisser, President, Montana Beef Council (MBC)

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:12 Rep. Furey

00:38:49 Mr. Taylor

00:39:37 Rep. Furey

00:39:44 Mr. Taylor

00:39:49 Rep. Furey

00:39:58 Mr. Taylor

00:40:08 Rep. Furey

00:40:52 Sen. Peterson

00:41:55 Rep. Furey

00:42:05 Sen. Peterson

00:43:16 Rep. Randall

00:44:06 Mr. MacKay

00:46:01 Rep. Randall

00:46:11 Mr. MacKay

00:47:17 Rep. Randall

00:47:34 Mr. MacKay
00:47:37 Rep. Randall
00:48:24 Mr. MacKay
00:49:31 Rep. Randall
00:49:52 Mr. MacKay
00:50:59 Rep. MacDonald
00:51:51 Mr. MacKay
00:51:56 Rep. Randall left the meeting.
00:53:36 Rep. Hoven
00:53:49 Mr. MacKay
00:54:12 Rep. Hoven
00:54:19 Rep. Hale left the meeting.
00:54:26 Mr. MacKay
00:54:33 Rep. Hoven
00:55:17 Mr. MacKay
00:55:45 Rep. Hoven
00:55:49 Mr. MacKay
00:55:52 Rep. Hale rejoined the meeting.
00:55:59 Rep. Randall rejoined the meeting.
00:56:05 Rep. Hoven
00:56:14 Mr. MacKay
00:56:49 Rep. McNiven
00:57:07 Rep. Hoven
00:57:29 Mr. MacKay
00:57:44 Rep. Hoven
00:58:30 Mr. MacKay

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:53 Sen. Moore
01:01:18 Rep. Clark left the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:41 Sen. Jim Peterson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 216, Designate the "code of the west" the "code of Montana".

[EXHIBIT\(agh60a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:07 Errol Rice, MSGA
01:11:19 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner
[EXHIBIT\(agh60a09\)](#)
01:12:20 Glen Marks, self
01:15:37 Rep. Noonan left the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:17:10 Leroy Schramm, self

01:24:49 Cort Jensen, self

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

01:26:55 Rep. Furey

01:27:14 Sen. Peterson

01:29:02 Rep. Furey

01:29:56 Sen. Peterson

01:31:10 Rep. Smith

01:31:21 Sen. Peterson

01:32:11 Rep. Smith

01:32:24 Sen. Peterson

01:32:36 Rep. Smith

01:32:44 Sen. Peterson

01:33:23 Rep. Williams

01:33:34 Rep. Furey left the meeting.

01:33:50 Sen. Peterson

01:34:11 Rep. Williams

01:34:15 Rep. Furey rejoined the meeting.

01:34:48 Sen. Peterson

01:34:51 Rep. Clark rejoined the meeting.

01:35:32 Rep. Williams

01:35:44 Sen. Peterson

01:35:58 Rep. McNiven

01:36:26 Sen. Peterson

01:37:27 Rep. McNiven

01:38:09 Sen. Peterson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:48 Sen. Peterson

HEARING ON SB 218**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:39:59 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 218, Establish procedures related to protected plants.

01:41:18 Rep. Clark left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:42:17 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)
[EXHIBIT\(agh60a10\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh60a11\)](#)
01:48:57 Ron Dion, Director, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)
01:50:05 Rep. McNiven left the meeting.
01:53:12 Dan Biggerstaff, self
01:54:12 Kelly Brester, Vice President, Mountain State Seed Growers of Montana
01:54:52 Matt Flikkema, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)
01:56:28 Curtis Hershberger, self
01:57:19 Jim Steinbeisser, MBC
01:57:48 Deryl Lassila, Montana Organic Association (MOA)
01:58:24 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farm Union (MFU)
01:59:16 Ole Norgaard, self
02:00:02 Jonda Crosby, Executive Director, Alternative Energy Resource Association
02:01:00 John Youngberg, MFBF

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:02:14 Rep. Furey
02:03:39 Ms. Crosby
02:05:33 Rep. Furey
02:06:06 Ms. Evans
02:08:09 Rep. Furey
02:08:32 Ms. Evans
02:09:13 Rep. MacDonald
02:10:45 Ms. Evans
02:12:00 Rep. Salomon
02:12:49 Ms. Evans

Closing by Sponsor:

02:13:43 Sen. Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

02:18:08 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:
[EXHIBIT\(agh60a12\)](#)

Additional Documents:
[EXHIBIT\(agh60aad.pdf\)](#)