

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on January 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chair (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R)  
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, 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: SB 126, 1/13/2011; SB 143, 1/13/2011

Executive Action: SB 5, SB 74

00:00:03 Chairman Steinbeisser  
00:00:10 Sen. Brown now present

**PRESENTATION OF MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION**

00:00:27 Dr. Jeff Jacobson, Dean, College of Agriculture and Director, Montana  
Agricultural Experiment Station, Montana State University (MSU)

**EXHIBIT(ags13a01)**

00:01:02 Sen. Stewart Peregoy now present  
00:03:31 Sen. Hawks and Sen. Windy Boy now present

**QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE:**

00:11:42 Sen. Brown  
00:12:23 Dr. Jacobson  
00:16:03 Sen. Ripley  
00:16:33 Dr. Jacobson  
00:16:38 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:17:37 Dr. Jacobson  
00:18:06 Sen. Windy Boy  
00:18:25 Dr. Jacobson  
00:19:33 Sen. Hawks  
00:20:25 Dr. Jacobson  
00:21:32 Sen. Brown  
00:22:23 Dr. Jacobson  
00:23:17 Sen. Brown  
00:23:51 Dr. Jacobson  
00:25:07 Sen. Hawks  
00:26:13 Dr. Jacobson  
00:27:25 Chairman Steinbeisser

**HEARING ON SB 126**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:36 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 126, Revise fees &  
licensing for plant nurseries & vendors; revise D of Ag inspection.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:32:08 Greg Ames, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGS)  
**EXHIBIT(ags13a02)**  
00:37:20 Shane Rogers, Glacier Nursery  
00:39:58 Harold McGaughey, Montana Nursery Landscape Association  
00:40:31 Josh Friendson, Montana Nursery Landscape Association  
00:41:28 Greg Chadwick, Chadwick Nursery, Montana Nursery Landscape Association  
00:42:30 Jake Wagner, Montana Nursery Landscape Association  
00:43:02 Karen Chadwick, Montana Nursery Landscape Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:50 Sen. Brown  
00:44:25 Mr. Rogers  
00:44:56 Sen. Brown  
00:45:17 Mr. Rogers  
00:46:04 Sen. Brown  
00:46:32 Greg Ames, AGS  
00:46:58 Donna Rice, AGS  
00:48:30 Sen. Brown  
00:49:15 Ms. Rice  
**EXHIBIT(ags13a03)**  
00:50:54 Sen. Brown  
00:51:13 Mr. Chadwick  
00:51:52 Chairman Steinbeisser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:58 Sen. Larsen

**HEARING ON SB 143**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:53:32 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 143, Revise state grizzly bear policy.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:00:53 Allen Schallenberger, Wildlife Biologist, Sheridan, Montana  
**EXHIBIT(ags13a04)**  
01:14:56 Art Noonan, Deputy Director, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
**EXHIBIT(ags13a05)**  
01:19:16 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
01:20:29 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association and representing John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:40 Sen. Larsen  
01:24:07 Mr. Noonan  
01:25:33 Sen. Larsen  
01:25:50 Mr. Noonan  
01:26:30 Chairman Steinbeisser  
01:26:38 Sen. Brown  
01:28:52 Mr. Noonan  
01:32:51 Sen. Brown  
01:33:29 Mr. Noonan  
01:34:55 Sen. Brown  
01:35:05 Mr. Noonan  
01:35:46 Sen. Brown  
01:36:34 Mr. Noonan  
01:37:23 Mr. Schallenberger  
01:38:18 Sen. Hawks  
01:39:08 Mr. Noonan  
01:39:26 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, FWP  
01:42:41 Sen. Hawks  
01:42:46 Mr. Lane  
01:43:26 Sen. Ripley  
01:43:50 Sen. Barrett  
01:44:30 Sen. Ripley  
01:44:39 Sen. Barrett  
01:44:57 Sen. Ripley  
01:45:08 Mr. Shallenberger  
01:45:43 Sen. Ripley  
01:46:05 Mr. Lane  
01:46:25 Chairman Steinbeisser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:46:38 Sen. Barrett  
**EXHIBIT(ags13a06)**  
01:50:29 Chairman Steinbeisser  
01:50:31 Recess  
01:50:48 Reconvene  
Sen. Windy Boy not present

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 5**

01:50:50 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 5 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:58:37 Sen. Brown

01:58:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 74**

01:59:45 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:00:45 **Motion:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 74 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(ags13a07)**

02:01:01 **Motion:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 74 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:01:13 Ms. O'Connell, LSD

**EXHIBIT(ags13a08)**

02:01:53 Sen. Moore

02:03:05 Chairman Steinbeisser

02:03:15 Cort Jensen, AGS

02:05:29 Chairman Steinbeisser

02:05:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 74 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

02:06:33 Chairman Steinbeisser

**Additional Information:**

**EXHIBIT(ags13a09)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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