

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Lee Randall, on January 22, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Lee Randall, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. David Halvorson (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers  
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary  
Joe Kolman, 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: HB 249, 1/18/2013

00:40:49 Rep. Randall  
00:41:54 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HB 249**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:25 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 249, Revising laws related to presence of bison/buffalo on private property.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a01\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a02\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a03\)\*\*](#)

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:46:10 Frank J. Rigler, Slip and Slide Ranch

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a04\)\*\*](#)

00:46:47 Rep. Lang joined the meeting.

00:50:24 Billy Hoppe, Self and Family

00:54:36 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:55:56 Shanna Baisch, Self

00:58:11 Mary Ann Murray, Self

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a05\)\*\*](#)

00:59:20 Jim Steinbeisser, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

01:00:16 Ariel Overstreet, Montana CattleWoman

01:00:40 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

01:02:03 Linda Newman, Self

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a06\)\*\*](#)

01:03:46 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

01:05:15 Rep. Redfield

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a07\)\*\*](#)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

01:06:13 Shan Morigeau, Salish Kootenai Tribes (SKT)

01:10:12 Bill Orsello, Board of Directors, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:10:54 Dustin Monroe, State Field Director, Western Native Voice

01:14:50 Rep. Clark joined the meeting.

01:14:56 Rep. Salomon joined the meeting.

01:15:11 Rep. Pease-Lopez left the meeting.

01:16:10 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:22:45 Stan Frasier, Self

01:23:24 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation, World Wildlife Fund

01:27:23 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Director, Tribal Fish, Wildlife, and Buffalo Program

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a08\)\*\*](#)

01:32:22 Mike Fox, Member, Fort Belknap Tribal Council

#### **Informational Testimony:**

01:35:00 Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock (DOL)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(agh13a09\)\*\*](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:35:40 Rep. Hertz  
01:36:14 Jim Kropp, FWP  
01:36:54 Rep. Hertz  
01:37:01 Jim Kropp, FWP  
01:37:12 Rep. Halvorson  
01:37:40 Jim Steinbesser, MSGA  
01:37:41 Rep. Halvorson  
01:37:49 Jim Steinbeisser, MSGA  
01:38:03 Rep. Halvorson  
01:38:07 Jim Steinbeisser, MSGA  
01:38:13 Rep. MacDonald  
01:38:37 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, Director, Tribal Fish, Wildlife, and Buffalo Program  
  
01:41:32 Rep. Halvorson  
01:42:01 Christian Mackay, DOL  
01:42:12 Rep. Halvorson  
01:42:16 Christian Mackay, DOL  
01:43:02 Rep. Halvorson  
01:43:31 Christian Mackay, DOL  
01:44:28 Rep. Clark  
01:45:21 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation, World Wildlife Fund  
01:46:43 Rep. Clark  
01:46:58 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation, World Wildlife Fund  
01:47:11 Rep. Williams  
01:47:29 Christian Mackay, DOL  
01:47:51 Rep. Williams  
01:48:26 Rep. Doane  
01:48:52 Rep. Williams  
01:49:11 Jim Kropp, FWP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:49:46 Rep. Doane  
01:51:51 Rep. Randall

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:52:22

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McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([agh13aad.pdf](#))**