

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Lee Randall, on January 31, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Lee Randall, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice 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. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)

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 323 (1/28/13), HB 322 (1/28/13), HB 312 (1/28/13)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a04\)](#)

00:09:43 Rep. Randall

HEARING ON HB 323

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:19 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 323, Add grizzly bear livestock losses to the livestock loss program.

00:11:13 Rep. Lang joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:17 Paul Rossignol, Montana Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a05\)](#)

00:16:52 Dave McEwan, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:18:14 Sam Milodregovich, Self

00:18:46 Bob Gilbert, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

00:19:15 John Youngburg, Montana Farm Bureau

00:19:43 Ken McDonald, Administrator, Wildlife Division, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

00:20:52 Jim Brown, MWGA

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a08\)](#)

00:22:16 Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a09\)](#)

00:24:12 Ben Hofer, Rockport Colony

00:25:10 Peter Hofer, Rockport Colony

00:25:52 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

00:26:33 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:26:57 John Hofer, Miller Colony

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a10\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:28 Joe Gutkoski, President, Yellowstone Buffalo Foundation

Informational Testimony:

00:30:58 George Edwards, Executive Secretary, Livestock Loss Board, Montana Department of Livestock (LIV)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:19 Rep. Pierson

00:31:47 Ken McDonald, FWP

00:32:01 Rep. Hertz

00:32:20 Rep. Cuffe

00:32:34 Rep. Hertz

00:32:43 Rep. Cuffe

00:33:00 Rep. Salomon

00:33:25 Rep. Cuffe
00:34:04 Rep. Clark
00:34:20 George Edwards, LIV
00:35:19 Rep. Clark
00:35:23 George Edwards, LIV
00:35:25 Rep. Clark
00:35:37 George Edwards, LIV
00:36:43 Rep. Clark
00:37:00 Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife
00:37:12 Rep. Clark
00:37:42 Ben Hofer, Rockport Colony
00:38:38 Rep. Clark
00:38:46 Ben Hofer, Rockport Colony
00:38:47 Rep. Clark
00:38:53 Rep. Lang
00:39:29 Joe Gutkoski, Yellowstone Buffalo Foundation
00:39:39 Rep. Williams
00:39:56 John Hofer, Miller Colony
00:40:01 Rep. Williams
00:40:06 Rep. Hertz
00:40:24 Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:01 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 322**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:43:01 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 322, Revise laws related to livestock loss.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:56 Paul Rossingol, MTSFW
00:47:35 Bob Gilbert, CBU
00:47:59 John Youngburg, Montana Farm Bureau
00:48:18 George Gully, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:49:23 Dave McEwan, MWGA
00:49:59 Ariel Overstreet, MSGA
00:53:26 Jim Brown, MWGA
00:56:40 Jacob Cowgill, MFU
00:57:08 John Hofer, Miller Colony
00:57:53 Ben Hofer, Rockport Colony

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:47 Ward Olson, Self
01:01:01 Joe Gutkoski, Yellowstone Buffalo Foundation

Informational Testimony:

01:02:01 George Edwards, LIV
01:02:25 Mike Leahy, Defenders of Wildlife

EXHIBIT(agh21a11)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:04:52 Rep. Hertz
01:05:20 George Edwards, LIV
01:06:43 Rep. Williams
01:07:09 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:47 Rep. Cuffe

HEARING ON HB 312**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:40 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 312, Revise laws relating to brucellosis surveillance.

EXHIBIT(agh21a12)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:15:05 Bob Gilbert, CBU
01:15:40 Bill Hoppe, Self
01:20:35 Druska Kinkie, Self
01:25:06 Ariel Overstreet, MSGA
01:27:03 John Youngburg, Montana Farm Bureau (MFB), WIFE, and MFU
01:28:35 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner
01:29:37 Jay Bailey, Self,
01:31:04 Frank Wriggler, Self

EXHIBIT(agh21a13)

01:34:39 Roger Nelson, Park County Ranchers Market Association (PCRMA)
01:35:35 Jane Tecca, Self
01:36:16 Paul Rossignol, MTSFW
01:36:55 Rick Gibson, Livestock Producer, and Member, Elk-Brucellosis Working Group

Opponents' Testimony:

01:39:54 Randy Newberg, Headwaters Sportsman's Association (HSA)

EXHIBIT(agh21a14)

01:45:04 Bryan Sparks, Self
01:48:11 Joe Gutkoski, Yellowstone Buffalo Foundation
01:50:01 John Scully, Self
01:58:37 Mark Albricht, Elk-Brucellosis Working Group
02:03:58 Dustin Monroe, Western Native Voice (WNV)
02:05:49 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon
02:08:55 Ward Olson, Self
02:11:18 Glenn Hockett, Volunteer President, Gallatin Wildlife Association (GWA)
02:12:47 Rob Gregoire, Self
02:15:37 Sam Milodregovich, Montana Sportsman's Alliance, and Skyline Sportsmen
02:17:30 George Gully, Montana Wildlife Federation

02:18:06 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

02:19:05 Ken McDonald, FWP

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a16\)](#)

02:28:04 Becky Weed, Self

02:29:26 Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Animal Health Division, LIV

[EXHIBIT\(agh21a17\)](#)

02:38:11 Richard Douglass, Zoonotic Disease Ecologist, State Health Department,
Center for Disease Control National Institutes

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:41:48 Rep. Pierson

02:42:15 Richard Douglass

02:43:46 Rep. Pierson

02:43:56 Richard Douglass

02:44:21 Rep. Galt

02:44:34 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:45:16 Rep. Galt

02:45:26 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:45:50 Rep. Galt

02:46:03 Ken McDonald, FWP

02:46:39 Rep. Williams

02:47:08 Rep. Pierson

02:47:23 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:48:07 Rep. Redfield

02:50:20 Rep. Randall

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:50:45

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh21aad.pdf](#))