

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Lee Randall, on February 7, 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. David Halvorson (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Wylie Galt (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
April Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 279, 2/1/2013
Executive Action: HB 322, HB 323, HB 337, HB 346, HB 356

EXHIBIT(agh27a01)

00:13:55 Rep. Randall

HEARING ON HB 279**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:20 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 279, Revise animal fighting laws.

EXHIBIT(agh27a02)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:35 Wendy Hergenraeder, Montana State Director, The Humane Society of the United States

EXHIBIT(agh27a03)**EXHIBIT(agh27a04)**

00:21:20 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

00:22:35 Ingrid Rosenquist, Prosecutor, Yellowstone County Attorney's Office

00:26:01 Nancy Lindstrom, Billings Animal Control, Billings Police Department

EXHIBIT(agh27a05)

00:28:56 Officer Heather Gregory, Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, and Animal Cruelty Investigator, Deer Lodge Police Department

00:30:05 Rep. Clark left the meeting.

00:33:01 Laura O'Connor, Director, Humane Society of Western Montana (HSWM)

00:33:55 Penny Bertram, Troop Leader, Lone Rock School Girl Scout Troop 3756

00:34:52 Laura Swift, Self

00:35:44 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

00:36:15 Doug Ruebke, Member, Billings City Animal Control Board

00:36:49 Laura Pippin, Self

00:37:12 Rep. Galt joined the meeting.

00:38:13 Jeff Hudson, Self

00:38:35 Gina Conklin, Self

00:39:08 Marnie Russ, Self

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

00:39:39 Rep. Pierson

00:40:01 Officer Heather Gregory, Deer Lodge Police Department

00:40:49 Rep. Pierson

00:41:21 Ingrid Rosenquist, Yellowstone County Attorney's Office

00:42:00 Rep. Pierson

00:42:05 Rep. Court

00:42:34 Rep. Lang

00:43:10 Ingrid Rosenquist, Yellowstone County Attorney's Office

00:43:58 Rep. Lang

00:44:14 Rep. Halvorson

00:44:29 Rep. Court

00:44:44 Wendy Hergenraeder, The Humane Society of the United States

00:44:49 Rep. Halvorson

00:45:03 Wendy Hergenraeder, The Humane Society of the United States
00:45:29 Rep. Blyton
00:45:47 Ingrid Rosenquist, Yellowstone County Attorney's Office
00:45:48 Rep. Blyton
00:46:05 Ingrid Rosenquist, Yellowstone County Attorney's Office
00:47:45 Rep. MacDonald
00:48:21 Ingrid Rosenquist, Yellowstone County Attorney's Office

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:45 Rep. Court
00:50:29 Rep. Randall

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 322

00:51:16 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 322 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:51:24 Rep. Randall
00:51:42 Rep. Williams
00:54:42 Rep. Randall

EXHIBIT(agh27a06)

00:55:45 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:56:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 322 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Clark was excused.

00:56:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 322 DO PASS.** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Blyton, Rep. Clark, Rep. Galt, Rep. Halvorson, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Randall, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Salomon voting aye. Rep. Clark voted by proxy.

00:57:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 322 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Clark was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 323

00:58:07 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 323 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:58:26 Rep. Williams

00:58:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Clark voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 337

00:59:07 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 337 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:59:16 Rep. Redfield

EXHIBIT(agh27a07)

00:59:19 Rep. Randall

00:59:50 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 337 BE AMENDED.**

00:59:55 Rep. MacDonald left the meeting.

Discussion:

01:00:08 Rep. Redfield

01:00:40 **Motion/Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Clark voted by proxy. Rep. MacDonald was excused.

01:00:55 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 337 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:01:01 Rep. Redfield

01:01:18 Rep. Williams

01:01:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark and Rep. MacDonald voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 346

01:01:48 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 346 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:01:53 Rep. Randall

01:01:59 Rep. Williams

01:02:40 Rep. Randall

01:03:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Lynch, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Clark and Rep. MacDonald voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 356

01:04:12 **Motion:** Rep. Kerns moved that **HB 356 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:04:17 Rep. Randall

01:04:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark and Rep. MacDonald voted by proxy.

01:04:58 Rep. Randall

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:05:35

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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EXHIBIT([agh27aad.pdf](#))