

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Lee Randall, on February 14, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Lee Randall, Chair (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (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. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
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 395, 2/8/2013; HB 396, 2/8/2013
Executive Action: HB 420 - Do Pass; HB 344 - Be Tabled; HB 312 - Be Tabled; HB
279 - Be Tabled; HB 322 - Do Pass As Amended

EXHIBIT(agh33a01)**EXHIBIT(agh33a02)****EXHIBIT(agh33a03)**

00:15:40 Rep. Randall

00:16:24 Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Williams joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 396**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:16:50 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 396, Revise laws regarding translocation of wild buffalo/bison.

00:19:34 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:20 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

EXHIBIT(agh33a04)

00:25:25 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:30:23 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County Commissioner

EXHIBIT(agh33a05)

00:32:25 Ryan McCormick, President, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

00:32:59 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner

00:34:34 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

EXHIBIT(agh33a06)

00:35:41 Lesley Robinson, Philips County Commissioner, and Chairman, Public Lands Committee, Montana Association of Counties (MAC)

00:35:43 Rep. Clark joined the meeting.

00:38:05 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:40:07 Teddy Robertson, Garfield County Commissioner

EXHIBIT(agh33a07)

00:41:33 Mark Peterson, Self

00:41:52 Tucker Hughes, Judith Basin County Commissioner, and President, MSGA

00:43:16 Dave Reinhardt, Valley County Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:08 Quentin Kujala, Section Chief, Wildlife Management, Wildlife Department, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

EXHIBIT(agh33a08)

00:47:31 Jim Posewitz, Self

00:48:33 Rep. Lynch left the meeting.

00:52:40 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:54:14 Shane Morigeau, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

00:55:34 Dustin Monroe, Western Native Voice

EXHIBIT(agh33a09)

00:58:38 Ervin Carlson, President, InterTribal Buffalo Council, and Member, Blackfeet Tribe

EXHIBIT(agh33a10)

01:03:48 Mark Azure, Director, Fort Belknap Tribe's Buffalo Program

- 01:07:22 Kit Fischer, Sportsmens' Outreach Coordinator, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)
- 01:10:24 Jonathan Proctor, Defenders of Wildlife
- EXHIBIT(agh33a11)**
- 01:13:07 Don Warner, Veterinarian
- 01:14:30 Martha Kauffman, Managing Director, Northern Great Plains Program, World Wildlife Funds (WWF)

Informational Testimony:

- 01:16:45 Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Animal Health Division, Montana Department of Livestock (LIV)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 01:17:08 Rep. Clark
- 01:17:49 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap Tribe's Buffalo Program
- 01:18:42 Rep. Clark
- 01:19:12 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap Tribe's Buffalo Program
- 01:19:47 Rep. Clark
- 01:20:05 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap Tribe's Buffalo Program
- 01:20:50 Rep. Clark
- 01:20:59 Rep. Pierson
- 01:21:18 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council
- 01:21:21 Rep. Pierson
- 01:21:36 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council
- 01:21:48 Rep. Pierson
- 01:22:03 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council
- 01:22:55 Rep. Pierson
- 01:23:02 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council
- 01:23:43 Rep. Pierson
- 01:23:55 Rep. Lang
- 01:23:58 Rep. Randall
- 01:23:59 Rep. Lang
- 01:24:34 Rep. Pierson
- 01:24:44 Rep. Lang
- 01:24:46 Rep. Pierson
- 01:25:05 Don Warner, Veterinarian
- 01:25:11 Rep. Peppers
- 01:25:23 Marty Zaluski, LIV
- 01:25:25 Rep. Peppers
- 01:25:44 Marty Zaluski, LIV
- 01:25:58 Rep. Peppers
- 01:26:20 Rep. Redfield
- 01:26:52 Kit Fischer, NWF
- 01:26:54 Rep. Redfield
- 01:27:40 Quentin Kujala, FWP
- 01:28:36 Rep. Redfield
- 01:29:02 Dustin Monroe, Western Native Voice
- 01:29:12 Rep. Redfield
- 01:29:15 Dustin Monroe, Western Native Voice
- 01:29:24 Rep. Williams

01:29:54 Joe Koleman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:29:56 Rep. Williams
01:30:34 Quentin Kujala, FWP
01:31:26 Rep. Halvorson
01:31:54 Jeff Tiberi, MACD
01:32:10 Rep. Halvorson
01:32:18 Jeff Tiberi, MACD
01:32:28 Rep. Halvorson
01:33:03 Martha Kauffman, WWF
01:33:21 Rep. Halvorson
01:33:30 Martha Kauffman, WWF
01:33:41 Rep. Lenz
01:34:36 Quentin Kujala, FWP
01:34:57 Rep. Lenz
01:35:25 Quentin Kujala, FWP
01:35:48 Rep. Lenz
01:36:10 Quentin Kujala, FWP
01:36:26 Rep. Pease-Lopez
01:37:10 Jeff Tiberi, MACD
01:37:32 Rep. Pierson
01:37:51 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council
01:38:06 Rep. Pierson
01:38:22 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:33 Rep. Lang

HEARING ON HB 395

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:22 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 395, Revising membership of livestock loss board.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:50:28 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
01:50:42 Rep. Blyton joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:52:15 Quentin Kujala, FWP

EXHIBIT(agh33a12)

01:54:44 Nick Gevock, MWF

Informational Testimony:

01:56:13 George Edwards, Executive Secretary, Livestock Loss Board, Department of Livestock (LIV)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:56:54 Rep. Williams
01:57:10 George Edwards, LIV
01:57:21 Rep. Williams

01:57:34 George Edwards, LIV
01:57:55 Rep. Williams
01:58:07 George Edwards, LIV
01:58:28 Rep. Williams
01:58:37 George Edwards, LIV
01:59:01 Rep. Williams
01:59:31 Rep. Wagoner
01:59:36 Rep. Williams
01:59:39 Rep. Wagoner
01:59:43 Rep. Williams
01:59:45 Rep. Wagoner
01:59:57 Rep. Lang
02:00:24 Quentin Kujala, FWP
02:00:41 Rep. Lang
02:01:03 Quentin Kujala, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:22 Rep. Wagoner
02:02:34 Rep. Randall

02:02:45 Recessed
02:06:19 Rep. Lynch left the meeting.
02:10:04 Reconvened

02:10:05 Rep. Randall

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 420

02:10:28 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 420 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:10:38 Rep. Williams
02:11:09 Rep. Blyton

02:11:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. Halvorson and Rep. Kerns voting no. Rep. Lynch voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 344

02:11:49 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 344 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:12:06 Rep. Redfield

02:12:28 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns made a substitute motion that **HB 344 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Lynch voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 312

02:13:27 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 312 DO PASS.**

02:13:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 312 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Lynch voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 279

02:15:07 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 279 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:15:18 Rep. Pierson

02:15:40 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerns made a substitute motion that **HB 279 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Hertz, Rep. Lynch, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Lynch voted by proxy.

02:17:10 Rep. Randall

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 322

02:17:22 **Motion:** Rep. Lang moved that **HB 322 BE REMOVED FROM TABLED.**

Discussion:

02:17:44 Rep. Randall

02:17:53 Rep. Clark

02:17:57 Rep. Randall

02:18:03 Rep. Williams

02:18:25 Rep. Randall

02:18:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-5 of those present and voting by roll call vote with Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Williams voting no.

02:19:12 Rep. Randall

02:19:14 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 322 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:19:24 Rep. Lang

02:19:32 Rep. MacDonald

02:19:50 Rep. Randall

02:20:16 **Motion:** Rep. Lang moved that **HB 322 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh33a13)

Discussion:

02:21:15 Rep. Williams

02:21:29 Rep. Randall

02:21:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Kerns, Rep. Lynch, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Peppers and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Lynch voted by proxy.

02:22:36 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 322 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:22:48 Rep. Randall
02:23:10 Rep. Williams
02:25:18 Rep. Clark
02:26:57 Rep. Redfield
02:28:24 Rep. Pierson
02:28:42 Joe Koleman, LSD
02:28:49 Rep. Pierson
02:29:00 Quentin Kujala, FWP

02:29:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Kerns, Rep. Lynch, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Lynch voted by proxy.

02:30:27 Rep. Randall

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:30:50

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh33aad.pdf](#))