

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Lee Randall, on March 14, 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. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
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: SB 162, 3/5/2013; SB 215, 3/7/2013; SB 250, 3/7/2013

00:18:27 Rep. Randall

### **HEARING ON SB 162**

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

00:19:27 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 162, Transfer hail insurance program from D of Revenue to the D of Agriculture.

00:19:28 Rep. MacDonald joined the meeting.

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

00:20:03 Cort Jensen, Attorney, Director's Office, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

00:22:02 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Administrator, Property Assessment Division,  
Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:24:57 Rep. Lynch joined the meeting.

#### **Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:25:19 Lee Boyer, Bureau Chief, Rural Development Bureau, Agricultural Development  
Division, AGR

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:38 Rep. Lenz

00:26:31 Cort Jensen, AGR

00:26:57 Rep. Lenz

00:27:04 Rep. Lang

00:27:36 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:27:53 Sherri Diemert, Property Management Analyst, Property Assessment Division,  
DOR

00:28:14 Rep. Lang

00:28:20 Cort Jensen, AGR

00:29:01 Rep. Lang

00:29:15 Cort Jensen, AGR

00:29:16 Rep. Lang

00:29:21 Rep. Williams

00:29:53 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:30:27 Rep. Williams

00:30:52 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:31:42 Rep. Williams

00:31:49 Rep. Lenz

00:32:45 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

00:33:03 Rep. Lenz

00:33:11 Cort Jensen, AGR

00:34:25 Rep. Lenz

00:34:54 Cort Jensen, AGR

00:35:20 Rep. Lenz

00:35:26 Rep. Lang

00:35:43 Cort Jensen, AGR

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00:36:21 Rep. Lang  
00:36:31 Cort Jensen, AGR  
00:36:46 Rep. Lang  
00:36:47 Cort Jensen, AGR  
00:36:54 Rep. Lang  
00:36:58 Cort Jensen, AGR  
00:37:30 Rep. Randall  
00:37:57 Cort Jensen, AGR  
00:37:59 Rep. Randall  
00:38:34 Cort Jensen, AGR  
00:39:08 Rep. Randall  
00:39:21 Cort Jensen, AGR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:38 Sen. Keane  
00:40:54 Rep. Randall

**HEARING ON SB 215**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:41:32 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 215, Move board of horseracing to the department of commerce.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:41 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
00:44:38 Sen. Larsen  
00:48:47 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:50:26 Dale Mahlum, Chairman, Montana Board of Horse Racing, Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:54:44 Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, DOL

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:06 Rep. Lang  
00:55:26 Sen. F. Moore  
00:55:56 Rep. Lang  
00:56:05 Sen. F. Moore  
00:56:22 Rep. Williams  
00:57:12 Sen. Larsen  
01:00:08 Rep. Williams  
01:00:22 Sen. F. Moore

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:09 Sen. F. Moore  
01:02:07 Rep. Randall  
01:02:25 Rep. Halvorson  
01:02:36 Rep. Randall

**HEARING ON SB 250****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:02:44 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 250, Requirements for good neighbor laws, FWP acquisitions.

**[EXHIBIT\(agh55a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:07:05 Nicole Rolf, MFBF

01:08:06 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM), and Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:10:03 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon

01:11:13 Mike Volesky, Deputy Director, Directors Office, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

01:14:45 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance, and Laurel Rod and Gun Club

**[EXHIBIT\(agh55a02\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:17:37 Rep. Redfield

01:17:48 Joe Perry, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

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01:19:22 Rep. Williams

01:19:44 Sen. Barrett

01:21:43 Rep. Williams

01:21:54 Mike Volesky, FWP

01:24:06 Rep. Williams

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01:24:32 Rep. Williams

01:24:39 Rep. MacDonald

01:25:19 Sen. Barrett

01:26:28 Rep. Halvorson

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01:32:20 Sen. Barrett

01:32:29 Rep. Williams

01:33:26 Debby Barrett

01:34:54 Rep. Williams  
01:35:00 Rep. Randall  
01:35:13 Mike Volesky, FWP  
01:35:20 Rep. Randall

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:35:30 Sen. Barrett  
01:38:21 Rep. Randall

**ADJOURNMENT**

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McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh55aad.pdf](#))**