

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Lee Randall, on April 11, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 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. 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. David Halvorson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Karen Armstrong, 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 143, 4/9/2013  
Executive Action: SB 143

00:20:02 Chair Randall

### HEARING ON SB 143

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a02\)](#)

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:49 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 143, Revise bison management.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:47 Rep. Kerry White, HD 70

00:30:41 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:33:25 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Cattlewomen

00:34:45 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners

00:36:12 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

#### Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:05 Pat Flowers, Region 3 Supervisor, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a04\)](#)

00:44:38 Ron Trahan, Council Member, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

00:47:57 John Harrison, Tribal Attorney, CSKT

00:50:17 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a05\)](#)

00:52:37 Jim Posewitz, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a06\)](#)

00:56:25 Rep. Lynch left the meeting.

00:56:35 Laura Pippin, Self

00:57:27 Robert Magnan, Fort Peck Tribes

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a07\)](#)

01:00:23 Jeanne-Marie Souvigney, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

01:01:32 Zack Waterman, Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a08\)](#)

01:03:53 Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

01:04:53 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a09\)](#)

01:09:41 Dustin Monroe, Executive Director, Montana Native Voice

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh76a13\)](#)

01:13:17 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31

01:14:08 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap Tribes, Fish Wildlife and Buffalo

01:15:18 Don Woerner, Self

01:15:57 Rep. Lea Whitford, HD 16

01:16:43 Justin Sakalis, Montana Audubon

01:16:55 Jake Troyer, Montana Conservation Voters

01:17:27 Christian McKay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of Livestock (MTBL)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:18:42 Rep. Williams  
01:19:49 Rep. Lenz left the meeting.  
01:19:57 Rep. Galt left the meeting.  
01:20:45 Sen. Brenden  
01:21:59 Rep. Williams  
01:22:11 Sen. Brenden  
01:23:03 Rep. Williams  
01:23:35 Sen. Brenden  
01:24:37 Rep. Williams  
01:24:56 Sen. Brenden  
01:25:18 Rep. MacDonald  
01:26:17 Mr. Harrison, CSKT  
01:27:47 Rep. Pierson  
01:28:17 Mr. McKay, MTBL  
01:29:01 Rep. Pierson  
01:29:25 Mr. Trehan, CSKT  
01:29:43 Rep. Pierson  
01:30:01 Mr. Flowers, FWP  
01:30:08 Rep. Redfield  
01:30:15 Rep. Galt returned to the meeting.  
01:30:35 Mr. Flowers, FWP  
01:31:23 Rep. Redfield  
01:31:51 Mr. Flowers, FWP  
01:32:46 Rep. Redfield  
01:33:06 Sen. Brenden  
01:34:46 Rep. Lang  
01:35:09 Mr. Flowers, FWP  
01:35:33 Rep. Lang  
01:35:38 Mr. Flowers, FWP  
01:35:46 Rep. Lenz returned to the meeting.  
01:36:18 Rep. Lang  
01:37:09 Mr. Magnan, Fort Peck Tribes

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:37:26 Sen. Brenden  
  
01:44:58 Chair Randall  
  
01:45:32 Recessed.  
01:52:42 Reconvened with Rep. Halvorson absent.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 143**

01:52:56 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 143 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
  
01:53:21 Mr. Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
  
01:54:10 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 143 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(agh76a14)**

**Discussion:**

01:54:27 Rep. Peppers

01:54:41 Chair Randall

01:54:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. Lang and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Halvorson voted by proxy.

01:55:08 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 143 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:55:17 Rep. Peppers

01:55:57 Rep. Pease-Lopez

01:57:33 Rep. Blyton

01:58:02 Rep. Williams

01:58:08 Rep. Blyton

01:58:13 Rep. Williams

01:58:16 Chair Randall

01:58:23 Mr. Flowers, FWP

01:59:05 Rep. Pierson

01:59:41 Rep. Kerns

02:00:54 Rep. Williams

02:02:09 Rep. Redfield

02:03:24 Rep. Salomon

02:04:31 Rep. Lang

02:05:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Hertz, Rep. Lynch, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Salomon and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Halvorson voted by proxy.

02:06:55 Chair Randall

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:07:08

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Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh76aad.pdf](#))**