

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 19, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Elizabeth Whiting, Committee Secretary

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 301, 2/14/2013

Executive Action: SB 349 - Tabled without a hearing
SB 216 - Tabled
SB 215 - Do Pass As Amended
SB 268 - Tabled
SB 301 - Do Pass As Amended

HEARING ON SB 301

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:00 Sen. Terry Murphy (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 301, Revise noxious weed laws.

[EXHIBIT\(ags37a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:42 Shelby DeMars, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags37a02\)](#)

00:28:03 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(ags37a03\)](#)

00:28:48 Sen. Boulanger left the hearing.

00:31:06 Becky Kington, Executive Director of Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

00:31:38 Dave Schulz, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:34:25 Jack Eddie, Beaverhead County Weed Coordinator

00:35:18 John Moodry, Butte-Silver Bow Weed Coordinator

00:37:55 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71

00:38:42 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:39:07 Nicole Roff, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:42:04 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

00:42:54 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

00:43:18 Barbara Ranf, Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway (BNSF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:44:25 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:07 Sen. Augare

00:46:43 Sen. Murphy

00:47:14 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:47:30 Cort Jensen, AGR

00:48:23 Chairman Brown

00:48:41 Shelby DeMars, MWCA

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:19 Sen. Murphy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 349

Discussion:

00:51:51 Sen. Moore

[EXHIBIT\(ags37a04\)](#)

00:52:25 Chairman Brown

00:52:28 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:52:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 349 BE TABLED** without a hearing. Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boulanger voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216

00:53:43 **Motion:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 216 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:54:09 Sen. Malek

00:54:51 Sen. Murphy

00:55:40 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sales made a substitute motion that **SB 216 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boulanger voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 215

00:56:39 **Motion:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 215 DO PASS.**

00:56:54 **Motion:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 215 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(ags37a05\)](#)

Discussion:

00:58:45 Sen. Cliff Larsen (D), SD 50

00:59:15 Chairman Brown

00:59:57 Sen. Larsen

01:00:56 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:01:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boulanger voted by proxy.

01:01:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 215 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boulanger voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 268

01:03:21 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 268 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:03:23 Sen. Malek

01:04:43 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:05:48 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sales made a substitute motion that **SB 268 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Malek and Sen. Phillips voting no. Sen. Boulanger voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 301

01:08:51 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 301 DO PASS.**

01:09:05 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 301 BE AMENDED.**
(see exhibit 1)

01:09:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boulanger voted by proxy.

01:09:59 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **SB 301 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:10:14 Sen, Malek

01:10:44 Chairman Brown

01:10:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boulanger voted by proxy.

01:11:34 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags37aad.pdf](#))