

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on March 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
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:

Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Prudence Gildroy, 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: HB 323, 2/27/2013; HB 189, 2/27/2013; HB 337, 2/27/2013

HEARING ON HB 323

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:51 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 323, Add grizzly bear livestock losses to the livestock loss program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:52 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags47a01\)](#)

00:41:43 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

00:42:36 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:43:36 Jacob Cargill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:44:04 Ken McDonald, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(ags47a02\)](#)

00:45:26 Bill Mitchell, Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (MTSFW)

[EXHIBIT\(ags47a03\)](#)

00:46:47 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:47:31 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:15 Sen. Phillips

00:49:09 Mr. Edwards, LLB

00:50:17 Sen. Phillips

00:50:32 Mr. Edwards

00:51:00 Sen. Phillips

00:51:21 Mr. McDonald, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:50 Rep. Cuffe

00:53:03 Sen. Moore entered the meeting. Sen. Phillips left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 189

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:54:59 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 189, Revise hail insurance maximum.

[EXHIBIT\(ags47a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:43 Charlie Bumgarner, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

01:03:07 Ryan McCormick, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:31 Bob Biskupiak, Insurance Agents Association (IAA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags47a05\)](#)

01:14:33 Rep. Tom Berry, HD 45

Informational Testimony:

01:17:09 Lee Boyer, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:17:41 Sen. Moore
01:18:06 Mr. Biskupiak, IAA
01:18:30 Sen. Moore
01:18:41 Mr. Biskupiak
01:18:58 Sen. Moore
01:19:57 Mr. Biskupiak
01:20:18 Sen. Moore
01:20:43 Rep. Berry
01:21:22 Chairman Brown
01:21:46 Rep. Berry
01:22:34 Chairman Brown
01:22:52 Rep. Lenz
01:23:10 Chairman Brown
01:23:47 Rep. Lenz
01:24:02 Sen. Boulanger entered the meeting.
01:24:13 Sen. Murphy
01:24:49 Mr. Boyer, AGR
01:25:20 Chairman Brown
01:25:57 Mr. McCormick, MGGA
01:27:17 Chairman Brown
01:28:00 Mr. McCormick
01:29:29 Chairman Brown
01:29:37 Mr. McCormick

01:30:13 Sen. Moore
01:30:49 Mr. Biskupiak
01:31:36 Sen. Taylor
01:31:50 Mr. Boyer, AGR
01:32:03 Sen. Taylor
01:32:14 Rep. Lenz
01:32:35 Sen. Taylor
01:32:48 Rep. Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

01:33:28 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON HB 337

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:37:21 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 337, Revise laws related to Department of Livestock rulemaking authority.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:39:43 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:40:29 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

Informational Testimony:

01:44:24 Dr. Marty Zeluski, State Veterinarian, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:31 Sen. Moore
01:45:48 Dr. Zeluski, DOL
01:46:19 Sen. Moore
01:46:59 Dr. Zeluski
01:47:39 Sen. Malek
01:48:19 Dr. Zeluski
01:49:37 Sen. Malek
01:50:10 Rep. Redfield
01:51:00 Sen. Malek
01:52:39 Rep. Redfield
01:52:49 Sen. Malek
01:53:10 Dr. Zeluski
01:54:02 Sen. Malek
01:54:20 Dr. Zeluski
01:54:28 Sen. Malek

01:54:46 Dr. Zeluski
01:55:28 Chairman Brown
01:57:19 Dr. Zeluski
01:58:32 Sen. Moore
01:59:28 Dr. Zeliski
02:00:16 Chairman Brown
02:00:24 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:01:14 Chairman Brown
02:01:38 Sen. Malek
02:02:20 Rep. Redfield
02:02:55 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

02:03:05 Rep. Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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