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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on March 14, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 11, 3/8/2013; SR 14, 3/8/2013; HB 322, 3/8/2013; HB 502, 3/8/2013; HJ 12, 3/8/2013

Executive Action: HJ 12 - Be Concurred In

00:16:25 Sen. Moore assumed the Chair from Chairman Brown.
00:16:25 Sen. Boulanger left the hearing.
00:16:28 Sen. Murphy left the hearing.

HEARING ON SR 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:28 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR 14, Confirm Governor's appointee to head the department of agriculture.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:48 Ron de Yong, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
00:26:46 Dave Schulz, Madison County Commissioner (MADCO)
00:30:15 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:02 Sen. Phillips
00:31:37 Ron de Yong, AGR
00:37:35 Sen. Malek
00:38:00 Ron de Yong

00:41:43 Sen. Moore turned the Chair over to Sen. Taylor.
00:41:44 Sen. Moore left the hearing.

00:42:02 Sen. Malek
00:42:29 Ron de Yong
00:43:18 Sen. Malek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:47 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SR 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:36 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SR 11, Confirm Governor's appointees for certain agriculture-related boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:45 John Hays, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:22 Sen. Brown

00:51:21 Sen. Brown resumed the Chair from Sen. Taylor

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:36 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 502, Generally revise farm mutual insurance laws.

[EXHIBIT\(ags55a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:56 Glenn Lambert, Montana Association Mutual Insurance Companies (MAMIC)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:57 Bruce Spencer, Property Insurance Company

[EXHIBIT\(ags55a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:02:17 Steve Matthews, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the State Auditor (CSI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:02:53 Sen. Brown

01:03:21 Steve Matthews, CSI

01:03:53 Sen. Brown

01:04:05 Steve Matthews

01:04:38 Sen. Taylor

01:04:53 Steve Matthews

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:22 Rep. Brodehl

HEARING ON HB 322

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:08:00 Rep. Mike Cuffe (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 322, Revise laws related to livestock loss.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:35 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags55a03\)](#)

01:17:22 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA) and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)

01:21:16 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

01:23:20 Dan Happel, Madison County Commissioner (MADCO)

01:24:42 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (MWF)

01:26:14 Dave Schulz, Madison County Commissioner (MADCO)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:29:04 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

[EXHIBIT\(ags55a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags55a05\)](#)

01:35:45 Ken McDonald, Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:19 Sen. Phillips

01:37:07 George Edwards, LLB

01:37:26 Sen. Phillips

01:38:12 Rep. Cuffe

01:38:34 Sen. Phillips

01:39:25 Rep. Cuffe

01:39:30 Sen. Phillips

01:40:15 Jim Brown, MWGA

01:40:35 Sen. Phillips

01:40:40 Jim Brown

01:40:48 Sen. Phillips

01:41:37 Ken McDonald, FWP

01:41:41 Sen. Phillips

01:41:45 Chairman Brown

01:41:55 Ken McDonald

01:42:20 Sen. Phillips

01:42.23 Chairman Brown

01:42:29 Jim Brown

01:44:18 Sen. Phillips
01:44:53 Jim Brown
01:45:43 Chairman Brown
01:46:02 Ken McDonald
01:47:53 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:48:48 Rep. Cuffe
01:49:49 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:51:12 Ken McDonald
01:51:24 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:52:01 Chairman Brown
01:52:48 Ken McDonald
01:52:45 Chairman Brown
01:53:03 George Edwards
01:53:41 Chairman Brown
01:53:56 George Edwards
01:54:13 Sen. Phillips
01:54:24 Sen. Taylor
01:56:07 Chairman Brown
01:56:50 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:57:18 Chairman Brown
01:58:01 George Edwards
01:59:49 Chairman Brown
01:59:58 George Edwards
02:01:14 Chairman Brown
02:01:29 Jim Brown
02:02:39 Chairman Brown
02:03:11 Jim Brown
02:04:18 Chairman Brown
02:04:23 Sen. Moore
02:04:44 Jim Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:38 Rep. Cuffe
02:05:41 Sen. Augare left the hearing.

HEARING ON HJ 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:15:51 Rep. Mark Blasdel (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HJ 12, Resolution in support of Taiwan.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:17:37 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
02:18:42 Jessica Nolan, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
02:19:20 Mark Bisom, Montana Department of Commerce (MDOC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:21:01 Chairman Brown
02:21:19 Jessica Nolan, MCC
02:21:46 Sen. Taylor

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:05 Rep. Blasdel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 12

02:22:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Taylor moved that **HJ 12 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Augare voted by proxy. Sen. Boulanger and Sen. Murphy were excused. Sen. Essmann will carry the bill.

02:24:26 Chairman Brown
02:24:31 Sen. Moore

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:12 p.m.

Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags55aad.pdf](#))