

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on January 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)  
Jessica Riffel, 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 206, 1/20/2015; HB 260, 1/20/2015; HB 265, 1/20/2015

00:01:32 Chairman Redfield

### HEARING ON HB 206

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:45 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 206, Revise grass commission laws.

[EXHIBIT\(agh20a01\)](#)

#### Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:19 Jay Bodner, Montana Association of State Grazing Districts, (MASGD)

[EXHIBIT\(agh20a02\)](#)

00:04:31 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resource and Conservation, (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

#### Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:51 Rep. Lang

### HEARING ON HB 260

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:50 Rep. Ryan Lynch (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 260, Revise laws for payment of costs associated with irrigation district petitions.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:54 Lori Maloney, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

#### Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:20 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association, (MWRA)

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:10 Rep. Curdy

00:12:03 Lori Maloney, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

00:12:46 Rep. Lang

00:12:59 Lori Maloney, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

00:13:30 Rep. Lang

00:13:37 Rep. Hertz

00:13:51 Lori Maloney, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

00:14:13 Rep. Harris

00:14:47 Mike Murphy, MWRA

00:15:33 Rep. Harris

00:15:53 Rep. Williams  
00:16:26 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:17:05 Rep. Williams  
00:17:18 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:17:33 Rep. Williams  
00:17:48 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:18:01 Rep. Olsen  
00:18:42 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:19:26 Rep. Olsen  
00:19:57 Lori Maloney, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court  
00:21:51 Rep. McKamey  
00:22:23 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:22:36 Rep. McKamey  
00:22:48 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:23:12 Rep. Lang  
00:23:19 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:24:08 Rep. Webber  
00:24:28 Mike Murphy, MWRA  
00:24:45 Rep. Lang  
00:25:07 Lori Maloney, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:29 Rep. Lynch

**HEARING ON HB 265**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:12 Rep. Scott Staffanson (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 265, Allow use of alfalfa seed assessments for leaf-cutting bee program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:09 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture, (AGR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:23 Rep. Curdy  
00:32:43 Cort Jensen, AGR  
00:32:55 Rep. Curdy  
00:33:04 Cort Jensen, AGR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:46 Rep. Staffanson

00:34:23 Rep. Karjala entered the meeting

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 206**

00:34:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **HB 206 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 265**

00:35:43 **Motion:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **HB 265 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:35:51 Rep. Williams

00:36:13 Rep. Staffanson

00:36:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark and Rep. Monforton voted by proxy.

00:36:53 Chairman Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:37:27

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh20aad.pdf](#))**