

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 3, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D) - arrived after roll call

Members Excused: Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, 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 176, 2/27/2015

00:01:28 Sen. Caferro entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 176

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:45 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 176, Add state soil as a new state symbol.

[EXHIBIT\(ags24a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:07 Gerald Nielsen, Bitterroot Turf Farm and retired MSU Soil Science professor (MSU)

[EXHIBIT\(ags24a02\)](#)

00:12:34 Debbie Nelson, teacher, Longfellow Elementary School, Bozeman (LES)

[EXHIBIT\(ags24a03\)](#)

00:16:26 Kristin Hopkins Sigler, teacher (LES)

00:20:47 Klara Dumbrovska, student (LES)

00:21:48 Emmerson Harr, student (LES)

[EXHIBIT\(ags24a04\)](#)

00:23:09 Kai Lehnhoff, student (LES)

00:23:43 Avery Clucas, student (LES)

00:24:21 Emmett Kruse, student (LES)

00:25:13 Jesse House, student (LES)

00:25:53 Phineas Fischer, student (LES)

00:26:35 Keira Beebe, student (LES)

00:26:56 Cooper Hartshorn, student (LES)

00:27:32 Simon Mitchell, student (LES)

00:28:17 Ursula Vlases, student (LES)

00:28:44 Douglas Fischer, teacher (LES)

00:30:22 Jodi Hilty, wildlife biologist, Bozeman

00:31:35 Tony Hartshorn, teacher, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(ags24a05\)](#)

00:35:03 James Andersen, Belgrade Middle School

00:36:16 Katie Noland, student, Montana State University

00:37:49 Bill Drummond, state soil scientist, US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

00:39:13 Barbara Benson, dietician, Bozeman

00:40:41 Daniel Biggerstaff, retired soil scientist, Bozeman

00:43:04 Mike Choriki, crop consultant, Billings

[EXHIBIT\(ags24a06\)](#)

00:46:06 Ann McCauley, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:48:33 Jane Holzer, Montana Salinity Control Association (MSCA)

00:50:23 Kathleen Brandais, State Bar of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:12	Sen. Hansen
00:52:36	Sen. Hoven
00:53:06	Mr. Nielsen, MSU
00:54:06	Sen Hoven
00:54:12	Mr. Nielsen
00:54:42	Chairman Brown
00:55:14	Ms. Clucas, LES
00:55:26	Chairman Brown
00:55:39	Ms. Clucas

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:06	Sen. Pomnichowski
----------	-------------------

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

tf

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags24aad.pdf](#))