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MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 12, 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)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R) - arrived after roll call
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: None

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 232, 2/9/2015; HB 206, 2/9/2015; HB 265, 2/9/2015

HEARING ON SB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:22 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 232, Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:46 Bob Lane, self

00:06:57 Sen. Hansen entered the hearing.

00:08:50 Sen. Wolken entered the hearing.

00:11:51 Mark Aagenes, conservation director, Montana Trout Unlimited (TU)
[EXHIBIT\(ags32a01\)](#)

00:12:42 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:13:09 Hertha Lund, self

00:14:10 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:14:55 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:15:24 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:15:43 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:16:29 Becky Dockter, chief legal council, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:32 Sen. Moore

[EXHIBIT\(ags32a02\)](#)

00:18:11 Ms. Dockter, FWP

00:18:51 Sen. Hansen

00:19:29 Sen. Moore

00:19:34 Sen. Hansen

00:19:50 Sen. Moore

00:19:56 Sen. Hansen

00:20:04 Mr. Aagenes, TU

00:21:04 Chairman Brown

00:21:09 Mr. Lane, self

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:02 Sen. Moore

HEARING ON HB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:29 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 206, Revise grass commission laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:13 Jay Bodner, Montana Association of State Grazing Districts
[EXHIBIT\(ags32a03\)](#)

00:27:33 Laurie Zeller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:28:13 Heidi Crum, rangeland specialist, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:28:00 Rep. Lang

HEARING ON HB 265

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:15 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:

00:31:13 Cort Jensen, chief attorney, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:44 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:34:13 Mr. Jensen, AGR
00:36:05 Chairman Brown
00:36:12 Mr. Jensen
00:36:30 Chairman Brown

00:36:48 Mr. Jensen
00:37:24 Sen. Hoven
00:38:02 Mr. Jensen
00:38:15 Sen. Hoven
00:38:20 Mr. Jensen
00:38:27 Sen. Hansen
00:38:48 Mr. Jensen
00:39:05 Sen. Hansen
00:39:16 Mr. Jensen
00:39:25 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:33 Rep. Staffanson

Committee Business:

00:39:46 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:44 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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