

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on March 5, 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. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) - arrived after roll call  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) - arrived after roll call  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)

**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: HB 194, 2/25/2015; HB 390, 2/25/2015; SR 26, 2/25/2015

00:01:17 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

00:01:25 Vice Chair Hoven assumed the role as chair.

**HEARING ON SR 26**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:44 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SR 26, Confirm Governor's appointee to the board of livestock.

**[EXHIBIT\(ags46a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:54 Nina Baucus, appointee

00:07:43 Ken Morrison, self

00:08:52 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:09:37 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:10:28 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:10:44 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:11:49 Sen. Moore entered the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:14 Sen. Cohenour

00:12:40 Ms. Baucus, appointee

00:16:37 Sen. Moore

00:17:18 Ms. Baucus

00:19:49 Vice Chair Hoven

00:20:04 Ms. Baucus

00:21:56 Vice Chair Hoven

00:22:13 Ms. Baucus

00:22:42 Sen. Moore

00:23:16 Ms. Baucus

00:24:50 Sen. Moore

00:25:08 Ms. Baucus

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:23 Sen. Brown

00:27:16 Chairman Brown assumed the role as chair.

**HEARING ON HB 194**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:02 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 194, Revise bison laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:43 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)  
00:32:05 Ben Lamb, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)  
00:32:38 David Schulz, president, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:33:29 Elena Evans, executive director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)  
00:34:08 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
00:35:12 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)  
00:35:35 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)  
00:35:55 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:36:35 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:37:20 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:53 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:38:55 Rep. Redfield  
00:39:22 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:39:56 Rep. Redfield  
00:40:24 Sen. Moore  
00:40:50 Rep. Redfield  
00:41:09 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:41:45 Chairman Brown  
00:41:55 Sue O'Connell, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:42:14 Mr. Kujala, FWP  
00:42:31 Sen. Hoven  
00:43:03 Rep. Redfield  
00:43:09 Sen. Hoven  
00:43:25 Rep. Redfield  
00:43:40 Chairman Brown  
00:43:58 Rep. Redfield  
00:44:42 Chairman Brown  
00:45:08 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:47 Rep. Redfield

**HEARING ON HB 390**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:46:43 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 390, Revise agricultural commodity committee laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:50:23 Cort Jensen, attorney, Department of Agriculture (AGR)  
00:53:30 Steve McDonnell, self  
00:58:26 Charlie Bumgarner, president, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)  
01:00:40 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
01:01:49 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:53 Sen. Hoven  
01:03:37 Rep. Lang  
01:05:28 Chairman Brown  
01:05:55 Mr. Jensen, AGR  
01:09:14 Chairman Brown  
01:09:26 Mr. Jensen  
01:10:05 Chairman Brown  
01:11:22 Mr. McDonnell, self  
01:13:33 Chairman Brown  
01:14:06 Mr. McDonnell  
01:14:38 Chairman Brown  
01:14:49 Mr. McDonnell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:15:02 Rep. Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:18 P.M.

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Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([ags46aad.pdf](#))**