

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on March 17, 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)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) - arrived after roll call
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 439, 3/12/2015; HB 557, 3/12/2015; SR 3, 3/12/2015

Executive Action: SR 3 - Be Adopted as Amended

HEARING ON HB 439

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:21 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 439, Require recording of board of livestock meetings.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:57 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:03:46 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:04:50 Nina Baucus, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:13 Christian Mackay, executive director, Montana Board of Livestock, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:15 Sen. Hansen

00:07:27 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy entered the hearing.

00:07:39 Mr. Mackay, DOL

00:08:17 Sen. Hansen

00:08:38 Sen. Wolken

00:09:29 Rep. Redfield

00:10:32 Sen. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:21 Rep. Redfield

HEARING ON HB 557

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:37 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HB 557, Revise laws regarding legal fences.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:50 Rep. Alan Redfield, HD 59

00:15:15 Kurt Alt, Bozeman Headwaters Fish and Game Association (BHFGA)

00:16:20 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

00:17:59 Robert Bold, self

00:19:48 Ed Butcher, self
00:21:21 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Montana
Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:22:01 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:57 Chris Marchion, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF) and Anaconda Sportsmen
Club (ASP)
00:25:18 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsmen Association (RCSA)

Informational Testimony:

00:26:55 Alan Charles, bureau chief, Wildlife Division, Department of Fish Wildlife and
Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:58 Sen. Hoven
00:28:13 Rep. Harris
00:28:37 Sen. Hoven
00:28:44 Rep. Harris
00:29:27 Sen. Moore
00:29:52 Mr. Charles, FWP
00:30:02 Sen. Cohenour
00:30:30 Mr. Marchion, MWF/ASP
00:32:38 Sen. Cohenour
00:33:06 Mr. Charles
00:33:14 Sen. Hoven
00:33:33 Mr. Bold, self
00:34:01 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:35:51 Rep. Harris
00:36:47 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
00:37:24 Rep. Harris
00:38:19 Mr. Butcher, self
00:39:52 Sen. Howard
00:40:43 Chairman Brown
00:41:20 Rep. Redfield
00:44:17 Chairman Brown
00:44:41 Rep. Redfield
00:45:35 Chairman Brown
00:45:44 Rep. Redfield

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:25 Rep. Harris
00:49:03 Vice Chair Hoven assumed the role as chair.

HEARING ON SR 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:17 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SR 3, Confirm Governor's appointments related to agriculture.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:11 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

00:52:38 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:52:56 Seth Wilson, appointee, Livestock Loss Board

00:55:34 George Edwards, executive secretary, Livestock Loss Board

00:56:58 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:58:04 Sen. Moore

00:58:27 Mr. Wilson, appointee

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:03 Sen. Brown

00:59:35 Chairman Brown assumed the role as Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 3

01:00:32 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SR 3 BE ADOPTED.**

01:01:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SR 3 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(ags55a01)

01:02:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SR 3 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:06 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags55aad.pdf](#))