

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on January 21, 1999 at 3:18 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)
Rep. John L. Holden, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bob Story (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Eggers (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joyce Bankhead, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 221, HB 254, HB 284
Posted 1/14/99

Executive Action: HB 254 DO PASS as amended
HB 284 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 254

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Roger Somerville, HD 78.

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Proponents' Testimony:

John Ficken, MT Mint Committee and Mint grower in Kalispell

EXHIBIT (agh16a01)

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Harold Clarke, Pres. Mint Growers Assoc.

and written testimony by Bruce Tutvedt, Chr. MT Mint Committee

EXHIBIT (agh16a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.2 - 10.6}

Ralph Peck, Director of Dept. Ag

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.6 - 11.6}

Ron Yong, MT Farmers Union, MT Ag. Business Assoc., and a mint grower.

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John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5 - 14}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

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Questions from the Committee:

Reps. Masolo and Barnett to Somerville

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.4 - 15.8}

Rep. Rose to Ficken

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.8 - 18.4}

Reps. Rose and Guggenheim to Ralph Peck
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.4 - 21.7}
Rep. Hedges to Clarke
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.7 - 24}
Rep. Dale to Ficken and Clarke
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 27.5}
Reps. Story and Lenhart to Ralph Peck
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.5 - 29.9}
Rep. Barnett to Clarke
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 1.5}
Rep. Jackson to Ralph Peck
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.5 - 4.2}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Roger Somerville closed Hearing on HB 254.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.2 - 8.7}

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Cliff Trexler, HD 59. **EXHIBIT**(agh16a03)**EXHIBIT**(agh16a04)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.7 - 13.5}

Proponents' Testimony:

John Day, Weed District Superivsor, Ravalli Co.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5 - 15.6}
Dave Burch, Jefferson Co. Weed District Coor.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6 - 16.6}
John Youngberg, MT Farm Bureau
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.6 - 18.6}
Ron DeYong, MT Farmers Union
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.6 - 19.9}
John Bloomquist, MT Stockgrowers Assoc.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.9 - 21.9}
Bob Stephens, MT Grain Growers
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.9 - 22.5}
Ralph Peck, Director Dept of Ag.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.5 - 23}

Candice Payne, WIFE

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 23.4}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.4 - 23.7}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Rose and Dale to Trexler

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.7 - 27.7}

Reps. Adams and Jore to Trexler

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 4.6}

Rep. Jore to Day

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.6 - 10.9}

Rep. Story to Trexler

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.9 - 13.1}

Reps. Masolo, Jackson, and Clark to Day

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.1 - 21.5}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Trexler closed Hearing on HB 221.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.5 - 23.6}

HEARING ON HB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Robert Story, HD 24.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.6 - 27.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mike Volesky, MT Assoc. of Conservation Districts

EXHIBIT (agh16a05)

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Miles Knudsen, Roosevelt Co. also representing Ravalli, Daniels
and Sheridan Co.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.4 - 6}

Mary Seccombe, Mile High Con. District

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6 - 6.8}

Steve Granzo, Lewis & Clark Con. District

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.8 - 7.7}

Ray Beck, DNRC **EXHIBIT**(agh16a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.7 - 9.2}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2 - 9.4}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Holden and Rose to Granzo

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.4 - 11.5}

Reps. Jackson, Guggenheim, and Clark to Volesky

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.5 - 19.5}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Story closed the Hearing on HB 284.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.5 - 21.7}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 254

Motion/Vote:

Rep. Masolo moved HB 254 DO PASS with technical amendment. Motion carried 18-1 with Jore voting no.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.7 - 22.2}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 284

Motion: REP. ROSE moved that HB 284 DO PASS.

Discussion: Rep. Clark in support.

Vote: Motion carried 18-1 with Jore voting no.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.2 - 23.6}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (agh16aad)