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MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on February 5, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused:
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJR 17, 1/26/2009

Executive Action: SB 204, SB 217, SB 289, SJR 17
HEARING ON SJR 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:18 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SJR 17, Encourage consideration of horse transportation planning.

00:03:07 Sen. Brown now present.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Marianne Amsden, Gallatin Equestrian Partnership (GEP) EXHIBIT (ags27a01)

00:09:20 Merlyn Huso, East Slope Back Country Horsemen (ESBCH) EXHIBIT (ags27a02)

00:10:50 Maire O'Neill, Associate Professor, School of Architecture, Montana State University

00:15:53 Jennifer Mohler, Resource Specialist; Founding Director, Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators; Gallatin Equestrian Partnership

00:18:55 Lucy Amsden

00:19:34 Jane Heath EXHIBIT (ags27a03)

00:22:19 Marianne Amsden, GEP, read testimony from Sophie Clifton, Secretary of the Equestrian Man Conservation Resource, Kentucky

00:28:19 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:46 Sen. Larsen

00:31:01 Sen. Perry

00:31:13 Sen. Larsen

00:31:33 Sen. Perry

00:31:55 Ms. Amsden, GEP

00:32:16 Sen. Ripley

00:32:48 Sen. Perry

00:33:10 Sen. Ripley

00:33:19 Sen. Perry

00:33:23 Sen. Brown
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 204

SB 204 was amended on January 27, 2009. At that time Chairman Steinbeisser delayed the voting on SB 204 until a new fiscal note could be printed.

Motion: Sen. Hansen moved that SB 204 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

Without objection:
Chere Jiusto, MPA
Sen. Jackson now present.
Sen. Larsen left the room.
Vote: Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Ripley voting no. Sen. Larsen voted aye by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION SB 217**

Motion: Sen. Ripley moved that SB 217 DO PASS.

Sue O'Connell, LSD
Sen. Ripley
Sue O'Connell, LSD
Sen. Ripley

Motion: Sen. Ripley moved that SB 217 BE AMENDED.

Exhibit (ags27a05)

Discussion:

Sen. Brown
Sue O'Connell, LSD
Sen. Hamlett
Sue O'Connell, LSD
Chairman Steinbeisser
Sen. Hamlett
Sue O'Connell, LSD

Vote: Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen. Hansen voting no. Sen. Larsen voted no by proxy.

Chairman Steinbeisser postponed the hearing on SB 217 and requested a new fiscal note.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 289**

Motion: Sen. Jackson moved that SB 289 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Sen. Brown
Sen. Murphy
Sen. Hansen
Sen. Murphy
Sen. Hansen
Sen. Hamlett
Sen. Jackson
Sen. Ripley
01:04:38  Sen. Jackson
01:06:05  Sen. Murphy

01:07:26  **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
          Sen. Larsen voted aye by proxy.

01:08:05  Chairman Steinbeisser
01:08:13  Sen. Brown
01:10:44  Sen. Hansen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 17**

01:11:00  **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SJR DO PASS**.

01:11:15  **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
          Sen. Larsen voted aye by proxy.

01:11:47  Sen. Brown
01:12:15  Sen. Hansen
01:12:20  Sen. Brown
01:12:24  Sen. Murphy
01:12:30  Sen. Brown

**EXHIBIT (ags27a06)**

01:14:41  Sue O'Connell, LSD
01:15:23  Sen. Brown
01:15:36  Sen. Hamlett
01:15:54  Sue O'Connell, LSD
01:16:13  Sen. Brown
01:16:32  Sen. Hamlett
01:17:10  Chairman Steinbeisser
01:17:18  Sen. Jackson
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (ags27aad.pdf)