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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Lee Randall, on March 7, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
   Rep. Lee Randall, Chair (R)
   Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)
   Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
   Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
   Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
   Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
   Rep. Mike Lang (R)
   Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
   Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
   Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
   Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
   Rep. Alan Redfield (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
   Rep. David Halvorson (R)
   Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
   Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
   Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
   Joe Kolman, 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 574, 2/25/2013, SB 252, 2/26/2013
   Executive Action: HB 439, HB 471, SB 86, SB 211
HEARING ON SB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:15:19 Sen. Matthew Rosendale (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 252, Generally revise irrigation district laws related to elections.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:18:10 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MTWA)
00:18:50 Rep. Peppers joined the meeting.
00:20:41 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
00:22:28 Rep. Clark joined the meeting.
00:30:00 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:31:01 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)
00:31:28 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:31:55 Linda Stoll, Montana Associations of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

Opponents' Testimony:
00:32:22 Pat Mischel, Member, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District

Informational Testimony:  None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
00:39:23 Rep. Williams
00:39:45 Pat Mischel, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District
00:39:53 Rep. Williams
00:40:00 Pat Mischel, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District
00:40:10 Rep. Williams
00:40:15 Pat Mischel, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District
00:40:38 Rep. Williams
00:41:06 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
00:41:52 Rep. Williams
00:42:08 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
00:42:58 Rep. Williams
00:43:06 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
00:43:45 Rep. Williams
00:43:58 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
00:44:01 Rep. Williams
00:44:09 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
00:44:16 Rep. Williams
00:44:21 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project
00:44:28 Rep. Pierson
00:44:48 Mike Murphy, MTWRA
00:45:14 Rep. Pierson
Opening Statement by Sponsor:
00:52:05 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 574, Establish "small herd exemption" to certain laws related to the sale of milk.

Proponents' Testimony:
00:52:52 McKee Anderson, Montana Food Distributors Association (MFDA)
00:58:11 Rep. MacDonald
00:58:17 Rep. Randall
00:58:22 Rep. Schwaderer
00:59:13 Kristen Lee-Charlson, Montana Raw Milk Alliance

EXHIBIT(agh49a05)
01:00:18 Chris Rosenau, Self

EXHIBIT(agh49a06)

EXHIBIT(agh49a07)
01:02:42 Rylie Sabo, Self
01:03:45 Jenny Sabo, Self
01:06:41 Denise Rollick, Self
01:11:36 Rep. Pease-Lopez joined the meeting.
01:11:51 Jennifer Holmes, Part-Owner, Lifeline Farm Incorporated
01:14:27 David Max, Self
01:17:31 Chris McVeda, Self
01:19:21 Tracy Brennan, Self
01:22:14 Karen Stevenson, Self
01:22:32 Lynn Evans, Self
01:22:37 Rep. Salomon joined the meeting.
Opponents' Testimony:
01:31:38 Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Montana Department of Livestock (LIV)

EXHIBIT(agh49a08)
01:45:32 Mark Myer, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)
01:48:03 Ed Weldner, Vice President, MMPA
01:49:38 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MTMVA)
01:50:28 Tim Read, Self

EXHIBIT(agh49a09)
01:54:21 Linda Stoll, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA), and Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

EXHIBIT(agh49a10)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
01:57:56 Christian Mackay, LIV
01:59:51 Rep. MacDonald
02:00:37 Kristen Lee-Charlson, Montana Raw Milk Alliance
02:01:20 Rep. MacDonald
02:01:32 Kristen Lee-Charlson, Montana Raw Milk Alliance
02:02:42 Rep. Salomon
02:02:57 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:03:45 Rep. Salomon
02:04:01 Dan Turcotte, Bureau Chief, Milk and Egg Bureau, Meat and Milk Inspection Division, LIV
02:05:28 Rep. Salomon
02:06:48 Dan Turcotte, LIV
02:07:11 Rep. Salomon
02:08:18 Dan Turcotte, LIV
02:09:19
02:10:21 Rep. Salomon
02:10:30 Dan Turcotte, LIV
02:11:07 Rep. Hertz
02:12:42 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:14:47 Rep. Redfield
02:15:18 Mark Myer, MMPA
02:15:24 Rep. Redfield
02:15:39 Mark Myer, MMPA
02:15:44 Rep. Redfield
02:15:54 Mark Myer, MMPA
02:16:00 Rep. Redfield
02:16:05 Mark Myer, MMPA
02:16:06 Rep. Redfield
02:16:26 Mark Myer, MMPA
02:16:49 Rep. Williams
02:18:37 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:20:04 Rep. Williams
02:20:20 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:20:54 Rep. Williams
02:21:01 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:21:10 Marty Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Animal Health Division, LIV
02:21:52 Rep. Williams
02:22:03 Tim Read, Self
02:22:58 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:23:11 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:23:15 Rep. Clark
02:23:22 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:23:34 Rep. Clark
02:23:46 Rep. Peppers
02:24:03 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:24:34 Rep. Pierson
02:24:50 Christian Mackay, LIV
02:24:54 Rep. Pierson
02:25:03 Christian Mackay, LIV

Closing by Sponsor:
02:25:25 Rep. Edmunds
02:27:35 Rep. Randall

02:27:43 Recessed
02:36:55 Reconvened

02:36:56 Rep. Randall
EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 211
02:37:17 Motion: Rep. Clark moved that SB 211 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:
02:37:35 Rep. Randall

02:38:00 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Halvorson voted by proxy. Rep. Clark will carry the bill.

02:38:08 Rep. Randall

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 86
02:38:35 Motion: Rep. Clark moved that SB 86 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:
02:38:40 Rep. Randall
02:39:07 Rep. MacDonald
02:39:26 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
02:39:49 Rep. MacDonald
02:40:54 Rep. Randall


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 471
02:40:43 Motion: Rep. Clark moved that HB 471 DO PASS.

02:40:55 Motion: Rep. Hertz moved that HB 471 BE AMENDED.
EXHIBIT(agh49a11)

Discussion:
02:41:17 Rep. Randall
02:41:21 Rep. Hertz
02:42:33 Rep. Williams
02:43:02 Rep. Hertz
02:43:45 Rep. Williams
02:43:59 Rep. Hertz
02:44:21 Rep. Williams


02:44:58 Rep. Randall

02:45:00 Motion: Rep. Hertz moved that HB 471 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Discussion:
02:49:10 Rep. Lang
02:49:34 Rep. Hertz
02:49:41 Rep. Lang
02:49:44 Rep. Hertz
02:49:51 Rep. Lang
02:50:12 Rep. Hertz
02:51:27 Rep. Lang
02:51:30 Rep. Clark
02:51:40 Rep. Hertz
02:51:43 Rep. Clark
02:51:45 Rep. Hertz


EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 439
02:53:00 Motion: Rep. Clark moved that HB 439 DO PASS.

Discussion:
02:53:18 Rep. Randall

Motion/Vote: Rep. MacDonald moved that HB 439 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Halvorson voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT (agh49a12)

02:58:14 Motion: Rep. MacDonald moved that HB 439 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:
02:58:22 Rep. MacDonald
02:59:48 Rep. Clark
03:00:43 Rep. Hertz
03:01:24 Rep. MacDonald
03:02:56 Rep. Lenz


03:05:30 Rep. Randall
03:05:49 Rep. Williams
03:06:17 Rep. Randall
ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:07:05

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT(agh49aad.pdf)