

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Edward B. Butcher, on January 18, 2007 at 3:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Chairman (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Diane Rice (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ralph Heinert

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, 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:

HB 269

HEARING ON HB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:46 Rep. Diane Rice (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB
269, Revise weed laws.

EXHIBIT (agh12a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:59 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stock Growers Association

00:09:13 Robert Hanson, Vice President, Montana Cattle Rancher's
Association

00:09:53 Jim Larson, President, North American Weed Management

00:10:32 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

EXHIBIT (agh12a02)

00:12:14 Kevin Chappell, Department of Natural Resources

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:11 Rep. French

00:13:41 Rep. Rice

00:14:06 Rep. Lambert

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00:14:14 Rep. Ross

00:14:30 Rep. Rice

00:14:41 Rep. Jopek

00:15:09 Rep. Rice

00:15:29 Rep. Windy Boy

00:15:59 Ms. Ellis

00:17:04 Rep. Butcher

00:17:59 Mr. Chappell

00:18:16 Rep. Butcher

00:19:17 Mr. Chappell

00:20:00 Rep. Butcher

00:20:10 Mr. Chappell

00:20:50 Rep. Butcher

00:21:17 Ms. Ellis

00:21:54 Rep. Butcher

00:22:25 Rep. Rice

00:24:19 Rep. Butcher

00:24:54 Rep. Rice
00:25:20 Rep. Butcher
00:25:24 Rep. Rice
00:25:44 Mr. Larson
00:27:07 Rep. Butcher
00:27:20 Rep. French
00:28:00 Mr. Chappell
00:28:05 Rep. French
00:28:44 Mr. Chappell
00:28:51 Rep. French
00:28:58 Mr. Chappell
00:29:19 Rep. Lambert
00:29:40 Mr. Chappell
00:30:17 Rep. Jopek
00:30:50 Krista Evans
00:30:57 Rep. Jopek
00:31:33 Mr. Chappell
00:31:46 Rep. Jopek
00:31:53 Mr. Chappell
00:32:14 Rep. Jopek
00:32:24 Mr. Chappell
00:32:40 Rep. Chairman
00:32:46 Mr. Chappell
00:33:04 Rep. Jopek
00:33:24 Ms. Evans
00:35:22 Rep. Jopek
00:35:27 Rep. Butcher
00:35:54 Ms. Evans
00:36:27 Rep. Butcher
00:36:35 Rep. Lambert

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:20 Rep. Rice

ADJOURNMENT

00:38:12 Adjournment

REP. EDWARD B. BUTCHER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([agh12aad.pdf](#))