

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Edward B. Butcher, on January 25, 2007 at 3:00 P.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. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
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. Llew Jones

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 326, HB 364
Executive Action: HB 47, HB 269, HJ 10

HEARING ON HB 364

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:01 Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 364, Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:56 Dr. Nelson Wert, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), Wolf Advisory Council Member, Retired Veterinarian

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00:13:07 Sen. John Esp

00:14:13 Elaine Allestad, Montana Sheep Rancher

00:16:53 Mike McGinley, County Commissioner, Beaverhead County

00:17:47 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Grower's Association

00:21:39 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony:

00:22:06 Mike Barrett, Former Helena Town Councilman

Informational Testimony:

00:25:41 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, FWP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:28:58 Rep. Henry

00:29:23 Rep. Malcolm

00:30:10 Rep. Boggio

00:30:26 Rep. Malcolm

00:30:40 Rep. Boggio

00:34:40 Rep. Malcolm

00:37:17 Rep. Boggio

00:38:04 Rep. Jopek

00:39:00 Mr. Wert

00:40:01 Rep. Jopek

00:40:42 Rep. Lambert

00:41:50 Rep. Malcolm

00:42:19 Rep. Lambert

00:43:18 Rep. Malcolm

00:43:31 Rep. Lambert

00:44:00 Rep. Malcolm

00:44:06 Rep. Heinert

00:44:30 Ms. Allestad

00:45:20 Rep. Heinert

00:45:33 Rep. Ross
00:45:57 Ms. Allestad
00:46:37 Rep. Ross
00:47:03 Ms. Allestad
00:47:13 Rep. Rice
00:47:54 Mr. Smith
00:48:27 Rep. Rice
00:48:42 Mr. Smith
00:49:41 Rep. Rice
00:49:57 Mr. Smith
00:50:45 Rep. Rice
00:51:12 Mr. Smith
00:51:42 Rep. Rice
00:52:07 Mr. Smith
00:53:59 Rep. Rice
00:54:03 Mr. Smith
00:54:23 Rep. Rice
00:54:38 Mr. Smith
00:54:54 Rep. Boggio
00:55:12 Rep. Butcher
00:56:31 Mr. Smith
00:57:39 Rep. Butcher
00:58:12 Ms. Allestad
00:59:23 Rep. Butcher
01:00:08 Ms. Allestad
01:00:41 Rep. Mendenhall
01:04:10 Mr. Smith
01:06:52 Rep. Heinert
01:07:45 Mr. Smith
01:08:11 Rep. Heinert
01:08:40 Mr. Smith
01:08:59 Rep. Heinert
01:09:15 Mr. Smith
01:09:27 Rep. Malcolm
01:10:18 Rep. Heinert
01:10:40 Rep. Malcolm
01:11:50 Rep. Ross
01:12:11 Mr. Smith
01:13:33 Rep. Ross
01:13:53 Mr. Smith
01:14:06 Rep. Lambert
01:15:01 Mr. Smith
01:15:53 Rep. Rice
01:17:13 Mr. Smith
01:17:57 Rep. Rice
01:18:24 Rep. Butcher
01:18:49 Mr. Smith
01:19:57 Rep. Butcher
01:20:06 Mr. Smith

01:21:02 Rep. Keane
01:21:21 Mr. Smith
01:21:30 Rep. Keane
01:21:59 Mr. Smith
01:23:33 Rep. Keane
01:23:56 Mr. Smith
01:24:39 Rep. Keane
01:24:59 Mr. Smith
01:25:17 Rep. Butcher
01:26:31 Mr. Smith
01:28:38 Rep. Butcher
01:28:51 Rep. Malcolm
01:29:41 Rep. Keane
01:30:55 Rep. Windy Boy
01:33:46 Mr. Smith
01:35:36 Rep. Windy Boy
01:36:10 Rep. Heinert
01:37:05 Rep. Malcolm
01:37:53 Rep. Heinert
01:38:07 Sen. Esp
01:39:17 Rep. Heinert
01:39:21 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:43 Rep. Malcolm

HEARING ON HB 326

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:42 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 326, Cloned agricultural food product moratorium.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:47:54 Errol Rice, Montana Stock Grower's Association

[**EXHIBIT \(agh17a02\)**](#)

01:52:36 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:53:40 Rep. French
01:54:36 Rep. Jopek
01:55:05 Rep. Kerns
01:55:23 Mr. Rice
01:55:32 Rep. Kerns
01:55:42 Mr. Rice
01:55:53 Rep. Kerns
01:56:03 Rep. Windy Boy
01:56:37 Mr. Rice
01:57:10 Rep. Caferro
01:57:35 Rep. Jopek
01:58:28 Rep. Caferro
01:58:47 Rep. Jopek
01:59:31 Rep. Caferro
01:59:56 Rep. Jopek
02:00:15 Rep. Henry
02:00:25 Rep. Jopek
02:01:24 Rep. Henry
02:01:48 Rep. Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:21 Rep. Jopek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269

02:04:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Rice moved that **HB 269 DO PASS.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 47

02:05:42 **Motion:** Rep. Boggio moved that **HB 47 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:05:51 Rep. Villa
02:06:02 Rep. Mendenhall

02:06:26 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mendenhall made a
substitute motion that **HB 47 BE TABLED.** The motion
carried by roll call vote, 14-4. Reps. Windy Boy,
Caferro, French and Jopek voted no. Rep. Jones voted
by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 10

02:08:33 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that **HJ 10 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:08:44 Rep. Henry

02:09:06 **Vote:** Motion failed by roll call vote, 6-12. Reps. Windy Boy, Keane, Caferro, French, Henry and Jopek voted aye. Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

02:10:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Villa moved that **HJ 10 BE TABLED** and reverse the vote. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Jones voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:11:23 Adjournment

REP. EDWARD B. BUTCHER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([agh17aad.pdf](#))