

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Edward B. Butcher, on March 13, 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. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. Diane Rice (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bruce Malcolm

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: SB 187, SB 188
Executive Action: SB 187, SB 188

HEARING ON SB 188

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Sen. Bill Tash (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 188, Sheep experiment station water compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:24 Chris Tweeten, Chairman, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

00:09:41 Lawrence Grosfield, Member, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

00:12:17 Faye Bergan, Legal Council, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

EXHIBIT (agh53a01)

EXHIBIT (agh53a02)

00:17:01 Candace West, Attorney General's Office

00:18:13 Gregory Lewis, Research Leader, U.S. Sheep Experiment Station

EXHIBIT (agh53a03)

00:22:41 Mike Murphy, Member, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:36 Rep. Windy Boy

00:24:24 Mr. Lewis

00:24:32 Rep. Windy Boy

00:25:29 Mr. Lewis

00:25:34 Rep. Rice

00:26:03 Mr. Tweeten

00:27:08 Rep. Rice

00:27:14 Mr. Tweeten

00:27:31 Rep. Rice

00:27:36 Jody Miller, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the General Council

00:28:07 Rep. Rice

00:28:12 Ms. Miller

00:28:54 Rep. Rice

00:29:24 Ms. Miller

00:30:23 Chairman Butcher

00:30:54 Ms. Miller

00:31:22 Chairman Butcher

00:31:33 Ms. Miller
00:31:56 Stan Jones, Hydrologist, Reserved Water Rights Compact
Commission
00:32:22 Chairman Butcher
00:32:39 Mr. Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:59 Sen. Tash

HEARING ON SB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:22 Sen. Keith Bales (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB
187, Fort Keough reserved water rights compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:40:18 Faye Bergan, Legal Council, Reserved Water Rights
Compact Commission

[EXHIBIT \(agh53a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(agh53a05\)](#)

00:47:50 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
00:48:17 Jack Attig, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Fort
Keough

00:53:48 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Council, Fish, Wildlife and
Parks

[EXHIBIT \(agh53a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:55 Rep. Ross
00:57:31 Mr. Grosfield
00:57:55 Rep. Ross
00:58:00 Mr. Grosfield
00:58:16 Rep. Ross
00:58:20 Ms. Miller
00:58:55 Rep. Ross
00:59:01 Ms. Miller

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:34 Sen. Bales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 187

01:01:00 **Motion:** Rep. Keane moved that **SB 187 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:01:17 Rep. Lambert

01:01:45 Rep. Windy Boy

01:02:19 **Vote:** Motion that **SB 187 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Malcolm, Jones, Jopek, Villa and French voted by proxy. Rep. Ross will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 188

01:03:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Keane moved that **SB 188 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, 18-0. Reps. Jopek, French, Villa, Malcolm and Jones voted by proxy. Rep. Barrett will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

01:03:56 Adjournment

REP. EDWARD B. BUTCHER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([agh53aad.pdf](#))