

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on January 10, 2007  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, 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: SB 187, 1/5/2007  
SB 188, 1/5/2007  
Executive Action: SB 187, SB 188

**HEARING ON SB 188**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:30 **SEN. BILL TASH (R), SD 36**, opened the hearing on **SB 188**, Sheep experiment station water compact.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:29 Lorents Grosfield, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

**EXHIBIT (ags06a01)**

00:11:21 Faye Bergan, Chief Legal Council, Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission

**EXHIBIT (ags06a02)**

**EXHIBIT (ags06a03)**

**EXHIBIT (ags06a04)**

00:16:36 Gregory Lewis, United States Sheep Experiment Station, United States Department of Agriculture

**EXHIBIT (ags06a05)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

00:20:52 Sen. Gerald Pease to Sen. Tash.

00:22:12 Sen. Frank Smith to Ms. Bergan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:23:04 Sen. Tash closed the hearing on SB 188.

**HEARING ON SB 187**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:44 **SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20**, opened the hearing on **SB 187**, Fort Keough reserved water rights compact.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:53 Jack Attig, Location Administrative Officer,  
Agricultural Research Service, United States Department  
of Agriculture

00:31:20 Lorents Grosfield, Reserved Water Rights Compact  
Commission

00:31:49 Faye Bergan, Chief Legal Counsel, Reserved Water Rights  
Compact Commission

[EXHIBIT \(ags06a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ags06a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ags06a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ags06a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT \(ags06a10\)](#)

00:43:33 Candace West, Attorney General's Office, Department of  
Justice

00:44:29 Bob Lane, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Fish,  
Wildlife, and Parks

[EXHIBIT \(ags06a11\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:01 Sen. Bales closed on SB 187.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 187**

00:50:00

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BALES moved that SB 187 DO PASS. Motion  
carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted aye by  
proxy. Sen. Brueggeman was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 188**

00:50:20

**Motion/Vote: SEN. BALES moved that SB 188 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted aye by proxy. Sen. Brueggeman was excused.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:50/ P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([ags06aad.pdf](#))**