

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on February 7, 2007
at 3:20 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carol Andersen, 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 406, 2/2/2007; HB 269, 2/2/2007
Executive Action: HB 269, SB 406

HEARING ON SB 406

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:37 SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 406, Revise law on removal of signatures from petitions for predator levies.

Proponents:

00:03:37 Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics

00:03:57 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:04:41 Karla Johnson, Montana Cattle Women

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:19 Sen. Larson to Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:59 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON HB 269

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:24 REP. DIANE RICE (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 269, Revise weed laws.

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[EXHIBIT \(ags27a02\)](#)

Proponents:

00:12:45 Greg Ames, Montana Department of Agriculture

00:13:09 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:13:33 Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in Farm Economics

00:13:54 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties
00:14:39 Pam Langley, Montana Agri Business Association
00:15:04 Errol Rice, MT. Stockgrowers Association
00:16:05 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Noxious Weed Corporation
00:16:57 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union
00:17:20 Megan Brower, Montana Farm Bureau
00:17:53 Karla Johnson, Montana Cattle Women

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:23 Sen. Bales to Rep. Rice
00:19:31 Sen. Bales to Doug Sternberg, LSD
00:20:08 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:32 Rep. Rice

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269

00:22:14 Sen. Steinbeisser moved HB 269
00:22:16 Sen. Hansen

Discussion:

00:22:20 Sen. Larson calls Question
00:22:22 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LARSON moved that HB026901.ADS DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
00:23:01 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. SMITH moved that HB 269 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
00:24:00 Sen. Bales was selected to carry HB 269.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 406

00:23:12 **Sen. Hansen**

00:23:16 **Sen. Bales moved SB 406**

00:23:26 **Sen. Hansen**

Discussion:

00:23:32 **Motion/Vote: SEN. SMITH moved that SB 406 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:44 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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