

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on March 23, 2007
at 3:25 P.M., in Room 102 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: HJ 17, 3/20/2007
Executive Action: HJ 17

HEARING ON HJ 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

EXHIBIT (ags62a01)

00:00:31 **REP. JILL COHENOUR (D), HD 78**, opened the hearing on **HJ 17**, Resolution urging US to allow interstate shipping of MT processed/inspected meat.

Proponents:

00:02:25 Katie Kassmier, Montana Farmers Union

00:04:19 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:06:32 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

00:07:34 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics

00:08:22 Megan Brower, Montana Farm Bureau

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:09:24 Carol Olmstead, Bureau chief, Montana Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, Department of Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:46 Sen. Hansen to Rep. Cohenour

00:12:17 Carol Olmstead

00:13:10 Sen. Bales to Ms. Olmstead

00:14:20 Sen. Pease to Ms. Olmstead

00:15:46 Sen. Pease to Rep. Cohenour

00:16:39 Sen. Steinbeisser to Ms. Olmstead

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:57 Rep. Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 17

00:18:50 **Sen. Hansen**

00:19:08 Motion/Vote: **SEN. PEASE** moved that HJ 17 BE CONCURRED
IN.

Discussion:

00:19:47 Motion/Vote: **SEN. SMITH CALLED THE QUESTION ON HJ 17.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen.
Steinbeisser will carry HJ 17

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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