

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on April 2, 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. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)

**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: HB 175, 3/30/2007  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 175**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:36 REP. BOB BERGREN (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 175, Revise ethanol production laws.

**Proponents:**

00:03:55 Bob Gilbert, Montana Aviation Trades Association

00:04:58 Tim Reardon, Montana Department of Transportation

00:09:39 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

00:10:03 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association

**Opponents:** None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:13:10 Jack Kane, Montana Department of Labor and Industry

00:13:38 Brian Spangler, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Bio-Energy Program

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:00 Sen. Smith to Bob Gilbert

00:16:05 Doug Sternberg to Gail Abercrombie

00:17:18 Sen. Pease to Rep. Bergren

00:19:14 Sen. Steinbeisser to Rep. Bergren

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:12 Rep. Bergren

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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CAROL ANDERSEN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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