

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Jopek, on January 15, 2009 at 3:00 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

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 90, HB 168, 1/12/09
Executive Action: HB 100

HEARING ON HB 90**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:53 Rep. Ray Hawk (R), HD 90, opened the hearing on **HB 90**,
Revise laws to consider llamas as livestock for wolf
predation purposes.
00:01:58 Rep. Caferro, Rep. Butcher, and Rep. Furey entered the
room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 Rep. Edith McClafferty, HD 75
00:04:42 Eric Riley, Montana Wool Growers
00:05:53 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:06:52 George Harris, Department of Livestock
EXHIBIT (agh09a01)
00:10:06 Elaine Allestad, Chairman, Montana Livestock Loss
Litigation Board

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:11 Rep. Wagner
00:11:58 Mr. Harris
00:12:43 Rep. Wagner
00:13:45 Mr. Harris
00:14:45 Rep. Wagner
00:15:00 Mr. Harris
00:15:40 Rep. Furey
00:15:54 Mr. Harris
00:16:24 Rep. Bean
00:16:39 Mr. Harris
00:17:02 Rep. Bean
00:17:07 Mr. Harris
00:17:49 Rep. Warburton
00:18:10 Rep. Hawk
00:18:23 Rep. Warburton
00:18:43 Rep. Hawk
00:19:05 Rep. Warburton
00:19:25 Rep. Hawk
00:20:39 Rep. Belcourt
00:21:02 Mr. Harris
00:21:29 Rep. Butcher
00:22:12 Ms. Allestad

00:22:37 Rep. Butcher
00:23:48 Ms. Allestad
00:24:13 Rep. Butcher
00:24:19 Chairman Jopek
00:24:28 Rep. Butcher
00:24:42 George Edwards, Montana Department of Livestock
00:25:20 Chairman Jopek
00:25:27 Rep. Butcher
00:25:59 Mr. Edwards
00:26:05 Rep. Hoven
00:26:39 Rep. Hawk
00:27:16 Rep. Hoven
00:27:24 Rep. MacDonald
00:28:00 Mr. Harris
00:29:42 Chairman Jopek
00:29:50 Rep. Wagner
00:30:40 Rep. Bean
00:31:20 Rep. Hawk
00:31:25 Chairman Jopek
00:31:37 Rep. Warburton
00:31:48 Mr. Edwards
00:31:53 Rep. Warburton
00:32:06 Mr. Edwards
00:32:26 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:33 Rep. Hawk
00:33:15 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON HB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:05 Rep. J. David Roundstone (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on **HB 168**, Expand asset eligibility for beginning farm loan program.
00:34:10 Rep. Fleming entered the room

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:37 Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Agriculture
00:37:53 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau
00:39:00 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:41 Rep. Regier
00:40:16 Rep. Roundstone
00:40:34 Lee Boyer, Montana Department of Agriculture
00:41:20 Rep. Regier
00:41:32 Mr. Boyer
00:42:02 Rep. Hoven
00:42:39 Mr. Boyer
00:43:32 Rep. Hoven
00:43:48 Mr. Boyer
00:44:10 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:20 Rep. Roundstone had no closing comments.
00:44:23 Chairman Jopek

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 100

00:45:00 **Motion:** Rep. French moved that **HB 100 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:45:08 Chairman Jopek
00:45:13 Rep. French
00:45:25 Rep. Butcher
00:46:37 Rep. Wagner
00:48:00 Chairman Jopek
00:48:11 Rep. Fleming
00:48:52 Chairman

00:49:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep.
Butcher voting no. Rep. Dickenson voted aye by proxy.

00:49:30 Chairman Jopek
00:49:48 Rep. French
00:50:16 Chairmen Jopek

Additional Exhibit:

Ron de Yong, Montana Department of Agriculture
EXHIBIT (agh09a02)

ADJOURNMENT

00:50:24 Adjournment

MARSHALL MCEWEN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([agh09aad.pdf](#))