

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Jopek, on January 20, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (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. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

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 48
Executive Action: None

00:01:30 Rep. Roundstone and Rep. Taylor entered the room.

Department of Livestock:

00:02:00 Christian MacKay, Department of Livestock
00:11:19 Rep. Wagner
00:11:42 Mr. MacKay
00:14:18 Rep. Wagner
00:14:27 Mr. MacKay
00:14:47 Rep. MacDonald
00:16:00 Mr. MacKay
00:18:06 Rep. Belcourt
00:18:31 Mr. MacKay
00:20:31 Rep. Belcourt
00:21:08 Mr. MacKay
00:23:40 Rep. Dickenson
00:24:03 Mr. MacKay
00:26:20 Rep. Dickenson
00:26:33 Mr. MacKay
00:27:01 Rep. Dickenson
00:27:20 Mr. MacKay
00:27:47 Rep. Furey
00:28:14 Mr. MacKay
00:28:20 Rep. Furey
00:28:25 Mr. MacKay
00:29:22 Rep. Fleming
00:29:55 Mr. MacKay
00:31:24 Rep. Hoven
00:31:38 Mr. MacKay
00:35:10 Rep. Caferro
00:35:29 Mr. MacKay
00:36:17 Rep. Butcher
00:37:02 Mr. MacKay
00:37:40 Rep. Butcher
00:38:28 Mr. MacKay
00:39:07 Rep. Belcourt
00:39:33 Mr. MacKay
00:40:57 Rep. Bean
00:41:10 Mr. MacKay
00:41:23 Chairman Jopek
00:41:32 Mr. MacKay
00:44:40 Chairman Jopek
00:44:46 Rep. Warburton
00:46:05 Mr. MacKay
00:47:51 Rep. Warburton
00:48:25 Mr. MacKay
00:50:35 Chairman Jopek
00:50:46 Mr. MacKay
00:50:54 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON HB 48**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:51:19 Rep. Paul Beck (D), HD 59, opened the hearing on **HB 48**,
Revise laws relating to Growth through Agriculture
program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:07 Ron de Yong, Director, Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT (agh13a01)

01:02:04 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association, Montana
Farm Bureau and Montana Farmers Union

01:02:35 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

EXHIBIT (agh13a02)

01:04:26 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development
Corporation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:48 Rep. Butcher

01:07:19 Mr. de Yong

01:08:04 Rep. Butcher

01:09:12 Mr. de Yong

01:10:49 Rep. Butcher

01:11:13 Collin Watters, Department of Agriculture

01:12:08 Rep. Butcher

01:12:43 Mr. Watters

01:13:05 Rep. Butcher

01:13:45 Mr. Watters

01:14:15 Rep. Taylor

01:14:45 Mr. Watters

01:15:51 Chairman Jopek

01:16:00 Rep. Taylor

01:16:49 Mr. de Yong

01:17:30 Rep. Taylor

01:17:51 Mr. de Yong

01:19:18 Rep. Hoven

01:19:33 Mr. de Yong

01:20:28 Rep. Hoven

01:20:41 Mr. de Yong

01:21:01 Rep. Hoven

01:21:11 Mr. de Yong

01:21:46 Rep. Wagner

01:22:18 Mr. de Yong
01:22:42 Rep. French
01:23:08 Mr. de Yong
01:23:48 Rep. French
01:23:58 Mr. de Yong
01:24:13 Rep. French
01:24:20 Mr. de Yong
01:24:29 Rep. Kerns
01:24:44 Mr. de Yong
01:24:54 Rep. Roundstone
01:25:22 Mr. de Yong
01:26:02 Rep. Roundstone
01:26:34 Mr. de Yong
01:27:02 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:13 Rep. Beck
01:29:14 Chairman Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

01:29:54 Adjournment

MARSHALL MCEWEN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([agh13aad.pdf](#))