

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mike Jopek, on March 5, 2009 at 3:02  
P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (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: SB 104, SJ 17, 2/25/2009

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 104**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:21 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 104,  
Revise stray notification and disposition  
requirements.  
00:01:32 Rep. Kerns entered the room.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:08 Christian MacKay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of  
Livestock  
00:04:53 Rep. Roundstone entered the room.  
00:07:23 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:47 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper  
Association

**[EXHIBIT \(agh47a01\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:33 Rep. Butcher  
00:14:57 Mr. MacKay  
00:15:47 Rep. Butcher  
00:16:55 Mr. MacKay  
00:17:35 Rep. Taylor  
00:17:52 Mr. MacKay  
00:18:38 John Grainger, Montana Livestock Association and  
Montana Cattlewomen  
00:19:27 Rep. Dickenson  
00:19:47 Mr. Grainger  
00:20:57 Rep. Bean  
00:21:34 Mr. MacKay  
00:21:40 Rep. French and Rep. Wagner entered the room.  
00:22:30 Chairman Jopek

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:34 Sen. Esp  
00:23:28 Chairman Jopek

**HEARING ON SJ 17**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:46 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on  
SJ 17, Encourage consideration of horse transportation  
planning.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:35 Marianne Amsden, Self  
[EXHIBIT \(agh47a02\)](#)  
00:29:14 Jennifer Mohler, Self  
00:32:19 Merlyn Huso, East Slope Back Country Horsemen  
[EXHIBIT \(agh47a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:46 Rep. Wagner  
00:35:48 Sen. Perry  
00:36:44 Rep. Wagner  
00:37:41 Sen. Perry  
00:38:33 Rep. Hoven  
00:39:00 Ms. Amsden  
00:40:33 Rep. Furey  
00:41:34 Ms. Amsden  
00:42:27 Rep. Butcher  
00:44:21 Ms. Mohler  
00:44:57 Rep. Wagner  
00:45:00 Ms. Mohler  
00:45:45 Chairman Jopek  
00:45:58 Rep. Butcher  
00:46:33 Ms. Mohler  
00:46:45 Rep. Butcher  
00:47:28 Ms. Amsden  
00:47:47 Rep. Butcher  
00:48:47 Ms. Amsden  
00:49:21 Chairman Jopek

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:27 Sen. Perry

00:51:35 Chairman Jopek

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:52:29 Adjournment: 3:54 p.m.

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Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([agh47aad.pdf](#))**