

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Jopek, on March 19, 2009 at 3:27
P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
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. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (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. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (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 68, SB 204, SB 322, 3/12/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Sen. David Wanzenried (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 68, Roadkill composting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:03 Rick Thompson, Solid Waste Program, Department of Environmental Quality

00:09:47 Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Butcher, and Rep. Regier joined the committee.

00:09:58 Frank Patrick Crowley, Crowley Consultants

[EXHIBIT \(agh61a01\)](#)

00:16:56 John Blacker, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:59 Byron Swanby, Self

00:25:13 Wayne Leininger, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:21 Rep. Dickenson

00:27:46 Mr. Thompson

00:28:47 Rep. Dickenson

00:29:11 Mr. Thompson

00:29:38 Rep. Dickenson

00:29:46 Mr. Blacker

00:30:48 Rep. Butcher

00:31:31 Mr. Blacker

00:32:31 Rep. Butcher

00:33:24 Mr. Blacker

00:34:29 Rep. Fleming

00:34:58 Mr. Blacker

00:35:43 Rep. Kerns

00:36:12 Mr. Crowley

00:37:57 Chairman Jopek

00:38:56 Sen. Wanzenried

00:39:34 Chairman Jopek
00:39:42 Rep. Wagner
00:40:56 Mr. Blacker
00:42:17 Rep. Wagner
00:42:59 Mr. Blacker
00:44:16 Rep. Furey
00:44:41 Mr. Crowley
00:47:17 Rep. Furey
00:47:22 Mr. Crowley
00:48:16 Rep. Bean
00:48:55 Mr. Swanby
00:50:02 Rep. Butcher
00:51:53 Mr. Blacker
00:54:28 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:33 Sen. Wanzenried
00:55:59 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON SB 204

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:13 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on
SB 204, Montana centennial farm and ranch program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:21 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation
Alliance

EXHIBIT (agh61a02)

01:03:09 Kate Hampton, National Trust for Historic Preservation
01:04:48 Rep. Wagner, Rep. Butcher, and Rep. MacDonald exited
the room.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:06:16 Denise King, Administrator, Montana Historical Society

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:33 Rep. Regier
01:07:15 Sen. Moss
01:07:26 Ms. Jiusto
01:08:32 Rep. Regier
01:08:38 Ms. Jiusto

01:08:42 Rep. Regier
 01:08:54 Ms. Jiusto
 01:10:11 Rep. Hoven
 01:10:34 Ms. Jiusto
 01:11:49 Rep. Hoven
 01:12:06 Ms. Jiusto
 01:12:53 Rep. Bean
 01:13:19 Ms. Jiusto
 01:14:01 Rep. Bean
 01:14:16 Ms. Jiusto
 01:14:42 Rep. Warburton
 01:14:56 Ms. Jiusto
 01:16:22 Rep. Warburton
 01:16:26 Ms. Jiusto
 01:16:36 Ms. Hampton
 01:17:01 Rep. Warburton
 01:17:04 Ms. Hampton
 01:17:12 Rep. Warburton
 01:17:17 Ms. Hampton
 01:17:26 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:30 Sen. Moss
 01:18:53 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON SB 322

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:19:44 Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on
 SB 322, Revise apiary laws.

EXHIBIT(agh61a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:23:09 James Rehm, Montana State Bee Keepers Association;
 Owner, Operator, Smooth Honey Company
 01:24:33 Donna Rise, Pest Management Bureau Chief, Department of
 Agriculture

EXHIBIT(agh61a04)

01:26:35 Jerry Bromenshenk, CEO, President, Bee Alert Technology
 01:28:10 Rep. Wagner and Rep. Butcher joined the committee.
 01:28:23 Rep. Dickenson exited the room.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:42 Chairman Jopek
01:37:07 Mr. Rehm
01:37:26 Chairman Jopek
01:37:32 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:37:49 Chairman Jopek
01:37:55 Rep. Butcher
01:38:52 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:40:11 Rep. Butcher
01:41:26 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:41:53 Mr. Rehm
01:42:28 Rep. Butcher
01:42:33 Mr. Rehm
01:42:40 Rep. Regier
01:43:02 Ms. Rise
01:43:52 Rep. Regier
01:44:02 Ms. Rise
01:44:29 Rep. Regier
01:45:11 Ms. Rise
01:46:35 Rep. Taylor
01:46:55 Ms. Rise
01:47:07 Rep. Taylor
01:47:21 Ms. Rise
01:47:36 Rep. Taylor
01:47:47 Ms. Rise
01:48:08 Rep. Taylor
01:49:01 Ms. Rise
01:49:13 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:50:43 Rep. Taylor
01:50:59 Rep. Warburton
01:51:34 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:52:35 Chairman Jopek
01:53:12 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:53:49 Rep. Taylor
01:54:05 Chairman Jopek
01:54:34 Rep. Hoven
01:54:49 Mr. Rehm
01:55:26 Rep. Randall
01:55:44 Mr. Bromenshenk
01:56:13 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:56:22 Sen. Curtiss
01:57:11 Chairman Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

01:57:28 Adjournment: 5:24 P.M.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([agh61aad.pdf](#))