

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN DONALD J. STEINBEISSER, on January 20, 2009 at 3 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 214, 1/15/2009; SB 204,
1/15/2009; SJ 11, 1/8/2009

Executive Action: SB 68

HEARING ON SB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:31 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing on **SB 214**, Increase penalty for cattle theft.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 Bret Lesh Carter County Stockgrowers Association (CCSA)
00:05:49 Willie Duffield, Representing Mark Rehbein Ranch
00:06:31 Joe Steinbeisser, Vice President Cedar Creek Grazing Association (CCGA)
00:07:26 Jim Steinbeisser, Montana Dakota Stockgrowers Association (MDSA)

EXHIBIT(ags13a01)

00:09:11 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA)
00:11:42 Nichole Rolf, Farm Bureau Association (FBA)
00:12:38 Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development (RED)
00:13:22 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:44 Kathy McGowan, Montana County Attorneys Association and Montana Peace Officers Association (MCAA) (MPOA)
00:18:27 John Grainger, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:22 Sen. Hansen
00:21:04 Mr. Grainger, DOL
00:21:45 Sen. Hansen
00:22:10 Mr. Grainger, DOL
00:23:14 Sen. Larsen
00:23:56 Mr. Grainger, DOL
00:25:26 Sen. Larsen
00:25:37 Mr. Lesh CCSA
00:27:37 Sen. Larsen
00:27:57 Sen. Hamlett
00:28:20 Mr. Lesh CCSA
00:28:56 Sen. Hamlett
00:29:07 Mr. Lesh CCSA
00:29:24 Sen. Ripley
00:30:25 Kathy McGowan, MCAA, MPOA
00:33:26 Sen. Ripley

00:33:54 Kathy McGowan, MCA, MPOA
00:34:12 Sen. Hamlett
00:34:35 Mr. Grainger, DOL
00:35:03 Sen. Hamlett
00:35:13 Mr. Grainger, DOL
00:37:41 Sen. Hamlett
00:38:01 Mr. Grainger, DOL
00:38:44 Sen. Hamlett
00:39:01 Mr. Grainger, DOL
00:40:20 Sen. Hansen
00:41:48 Mr. Grainger, DOL

Closing by Sponsor:

00:42:56 Sen. Steinbeisser

HEARING ON SB 204

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:39 Senator Lynda Moss, Senate District 26

SEN. LYNDIA MOSS (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on **SB 204**, Montana Centennial Farm and Ranch Program.

EXHIBIT(ags13a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:46:55 Clere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA)

EXHIBIT(ags13a03)

00:52:07 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSA) and Montana Cattle Women Association (MCWA)
00:53:21 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:54:48 Kate Hampton, National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP)
00:58:03 Kurt Synness, Ranch Owner

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:01:34 Richard Sims, Director, National Historical Society (NHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:05 Sen. Ripley
01:05:23 Sen. Moss
01:05:59 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:06:31 Sen. Moss
01:06:56 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:07:30 Sen. Moss
01:07:40 Sen. Brown
01:08:07 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:08:43 Sen. Brown
01:08:56 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:09:03 Sen. Brown
01:09:21 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:10:06 Sen. Hansen
01:11:03 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:11:56 Denise King, Administrator, Centralized Services (CS)
01:12:12 Sen. Hamlett
01:12:44 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:13:38 Sen. Hamlett
01:13:50 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:14:03 Sen. Brown
01:14:56 Ms. Juisdo, MRA
01:18:35 Sen. Hamlett
01:18:58 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:19:28 Sen. Hamlett
01:19:39 Mr. Sims NHS
01:19:45 Sen. Hamlett
01:19:53 Mr. Sims, NHS
01:20:11 Sen. Murphy
01:20:38 Mr. Sims NHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:10 Sen. Moss

HEARING ON SJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:23:27 **SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on **SJ 11**, Request Congress fund bioproduct innovation centers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:08 Joel Clairmont, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

01:26:27 Jan Tusick, Lake County Community Development and
Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center (LCCD) (MMFEC)
01:28:17 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
01:29:55 Billie Lee, Executive Director, Lake County Development
(LCD)
01:32:56 Adam de Yong, Director, Montana's Wired Program (MWP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:11 Sen. Ripley
01:34:23 Mr. Clairmont, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:34:52 Sen. Brueggeman
01:37:06 Sen. Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 68

01:38:43 Sen. Hansen
01:39:05 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:39:20 Sen. Jackson

01:39:55 **Motion:** SEN. MURPHY moved that **SB 68 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:40:44 Sen. Jackson
01:40:51 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:41:01 Sen. Ripley
01:41:52 Sen. Brown
01:42:17 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:42:26 Sen. Murphy
01:42:51 Sen. Hamlett
01:43:29 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Council
01:44:08 Sen. Brown
01:44:37 Sen. Larsen

01:45:19 **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

01:45:40 Sen. Jackson
01:46:03 Sen. Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 167

Without objection, the committee began executive action with a motion to Amend SB 167.

01:47:28 **Motion:** SEN. JACKSON moved to **AMEND SB 167**.

EXHIBIT (ags13a04)

Discussion:

01:48:44 Sen. Hamlett
01:50:45 Sue O'Connell, LC
01:51:21 Sen. Steinbeisser

01:51:29 **VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

01:51:44 **Motion:** SEN. JACKSON moved that **SB 167 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:52:15 Sen. Brown
01:54:29 Sen. Larsen
01:55:14 Sue O'Connell, LC
01:55:51 Sen. Hamlett
01:56:12 Sue O'Connell, LC
01:56:29 Sen. Braney
01:57:09 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:57:21 Sen. Brown
01:57:58 Sen. Jackson

01:58:29 Without objection Sen. Jackson withdrew **DO PASS AS AMENDED** motion.

01:58:59 Sen Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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