

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN DONALD J. STEINBEISSER, on January 22, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ken Hansen (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

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 217, 1/13/2009

Executive Action: None

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags15a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags15a02)

HEARING ON SB 217

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:53 **SEN. DEBBY BARRETT (R), SD 36**, opened the hearing on **SB 217**, Reimburse livestock producers for tests for disease transmitted by wildlife.

00:10:22 Sen. Murphy

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:43 Dave Schulz, Commissioner Madison County (CMC)

00:12:46 Jack Ross, Retired Representative, HD 60, Beartooth Stock Association (BSA)

00:15:13 Maureen Davey, Stillwater County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags15a03)

00:17:13 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

00:20:12 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:42 Ken McDonald, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags15a04)

00:33:45 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

00:35:50 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:52 Sen. Larsen

00:37:34 Mr. Schulz, CMC

00:38:13 Sen. Larsen

00:38:21 Mr. Schulz, CMC

00:38:48 Sen. Murphy

00:39:07 Christian MacKay, Executive Director, Montana Board of Livestock MBL

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00:43:04 Mr. MacKay, MBL
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Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:56 Sen. Barrett

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

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