

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on March 19, 2009
at 3:30 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. Verdell Jackson (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (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: HB 290, 3/10/2009

Executive Action: HB 290; HB 592

HEARING ON HB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:23 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 290, Increase sales amount requiring produce license for farmer's market vendors.

EXHIBIT (ags61a01)

00:05:04 Sen. Hansen present

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Rachel Negaard, Grass Range, Market Master for Lewistown Farmer's Market

00:08:12 Darren Banek, Mountain View Gardens, Kalispell

00:10:39 Daniel Negaard, Grass Range

00:13:24 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

00:14:16 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council

Opponents' Testimony:

Informational Testimony:

00:15:18 Andy Gray, Bureau Chief, Commodity Services Bureau, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

EXHIBIT (ags61a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:06 Sen. Ripley

00:19:24 Rep. Grinde

00:19:30 Sen. Ripley

00:19:35 Rep. Grinde

00:20:28 Sen. Ripley

00:20:47 Mr. Gray, DOA

00:21:09 Sen. Ripley

00:21:25 Mr. Gray, DOA

00:23:16 Sen. Ripley

00:23:37 Mr. Gray, DOA

00:24:00 Sen. Hamlett

00:24:25 Mr. Gray, DOA

00:24:38 Rep. Hamlett

00:24:47 Mr. Gray, DOA

00:24:57 Sen. Brown

00:25:19 Mr. Gray, DOA

00:25:55 Sen. Brown

00:26:24 Mr. Gray, DOA

00:27:17 Sen. Brown

00:27:54 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:29:24 Sen. Brown
00:29:35 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:29:48 Sen. Brown
00:30:20 Ms. Negaard
00:31:30 Sen. Brown
00:31:44 Ms. Negaard
00:31:50 Sen. Brown
00:31:55 Ms. Negaard
00:32:25 Sen. Brown
00:32:52 Ms. Negaard
00:33:18 Sen. Larsen
00:33:50 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:34:24 Sen. Larsen
00:34:57 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:35:12 Sen. Larsen
00:36:00 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:36:45 Sen. Larsen
00:37:17 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:37:54 Sen. Larsen
00:38:32 Ms. Negaard
00:39:08 Sen. Larsen
00:39:16 Ms. Negaard
00:39:55 Sen. Jackson
00:41:05 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:43:35 Sen. Jackson
00:43:50 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:44:02 Sen. Jackson
00:44:47 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:45:21 Sen. Larsen
00:45:41 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:46:18 Sen. Larsen
00:46:33 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:47:11 Sen. Larsen
00:47:56 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:48:56 Sen. Larsen
00:49:13 Mr. Gray, DOA
00:49:59 Sen. Larsen
00:50:15 Rep. Grinde
00:50:50 Sen. Ripley
00:51:10 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:50 Rep. Grinde
00:54:46 Sen. Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 592

00:56:48 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 592 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (ags61a03)

00:57:23 Sue O'Connell, LSD
00:58:11 Chairman Steinbeisser

Discussion:

00:58:37 Sen. Hansen

00:59:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:59:27 **Motion:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 592 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:00:02 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:00:28 Sen. Larsen
01:01:07 Chairman Steinbeisser

01:01:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved that **HB 592 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Hamlett voting no

Discussion:

01:02:43 Sen. Brown
01:03:28 Sen. Ripley

01:03:53 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that a letter be sent to Montana's congressional delegation requesting them to oppose mandatory livestock identification.

Discussion:

01:04:33 Sen. Brown
01:04:37 Sen. Ripley
01:04:58 Sen. Brown
01:05:03 Sen. Ripley
01:05:06 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:05:14 Sen. Brown
01:05:17 Sen. Larsen
01:05:38 Sen. Jackson
01:05:49 Sue O'Connell, LSD

01:06:13 **VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:07:14 Sen. Hansen
01:07:18 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:07:24 Sen. Hansen
01:07:30 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:07:36 Sen. Murphy
01:07:43 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:08:05 Sen. Jackson
01:08:28 Sen. Branae
01:08:42 Sen. Brown
01:09:09 Sen. Larsen
01:09:34 Sen. Ripley
01:09:40 Sen. Brown
01:09:45 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:09:57 Sen. Larsen
01:10:14 Sen. Brown
01:10:48 Chairman Steinbeisser
01:10:58 Sen. Hamlett
01:11:22 Chairman Steinbeisser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 290

01:11:48 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 290 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT (ags61a04)

Discussion:

01:12:08 Sen. Brown

01:12:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Jackson voting no.

01:13:12 **Motion:** Sen. Branae moved that **HB 290 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

01:13:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Branae will carry the bill in the Senate.

01:13:49 Sen. Brown
01:14:00 Sen. Jackson
01:14:07 Sen. Brown
01:14:15 Chairman Steinbeisser

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ags61aad.pdf](#))