

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Krayton Kerns, on March 31, 2011 at 3:07 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Krayton Kerns, Chair (R)  
Rep. Timothy Furey, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Sterling Small (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. David Howard (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Alan Hale (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R)

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch  
Lauren Head, 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: HB 207, 3/29/2011; HB 343, 3/24/2011

**HEARING ON SB 343**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:28 Sen. Verdell Jackson (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 343, Revise Montana aquatic invasive species act.

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a05\)](#)

00:01:53 Rep. McClafferty joined the meeting.

00:10:59 Rep. Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

00:12:26 Rep. Howard joined the meeting.

00:12:28 Rep. Noonan joined the meeting.

00:14:32 Rep. Read joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:15:32 Greg Ames, Department of Agriculture (DOAg)

00:18:02 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes Unlimited - Montana (WU)

00:19:46 Becky Kington, Executive Director, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

00:20:11 Bruce Rich, Chief of Fisheries, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

00:20:52 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:21:04 Hal Harper, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a06\)](#)

00:22:02 Caryn Miske, Flathead Basin Commission

[EXHIBIT\(agh72a07\)](#)

00:23:30 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)

00:24:39 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association

00:25:03 Janna Taylor, HD 11

00:25:10 Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic Development Corporation

00:25:29 Gary Olsen, Noxious Weed Advisory Council

00:26:28 John Moodry, Butte-Silverbow Weed District, Mile High Weed District

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:27:23 Rep. McClafferty

00:27:42 Ms. Miske

00:27:59 Rep. McClafferty

00:28:18 Ms. Miske

00:29:00 Vice Chair Wagner

00:29:18 Mr. Ames

00:29:32 Eileen Ryce  
00:30:27 Rep. McNiven  
00:30:42 Sen. Jackson  
00:31:23 Rep. McNiven  
00:31:34 Sen. Jackson  
00:32:00 Vice Chair Wagner  
00:32:23 Mr. Ames  
00:33:06 Vice Chair Wagner  
00:33:40 Mr. Ames

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:10 Sen. Jackson

**HEARING ON SB 207**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:51 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 207, Clarify regulation of bison.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:45 Rachel Kinkie, Phillips County, Cattle Producers for Responsible Animal Health Development (Cattle PRAHD)  
00:41:13 Rep. Howard left the meeting.  
00:42:05 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF), Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)s  
00:43:43 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana CattleWomen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:44:26 Christian MacKay, Board of Livestock  
[EXHIBIT\(agh72a08\)](#)  
00:45:56 Ken McDonald, FWP  
[EXHIBIT\(agh72a09\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:12 Rep. Hoven  
00:48:25 Mr. MacKay  
00:49:06 Rep. Hoven  
00:49:09 Mr. MacKay  
00:49:17 Rep. Clark  
00:49:53 Mr. McDonald

00:50:32 Rep. Williams  
00:50:52 Mr. MacKay  
00:51:25 Rep. Williams  
00:51:36 Mr. MacKay

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:27 Sen. Moore

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:53:18      Adjournment

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Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:  
**EXHIBIT**([agh72a10](#))

Additional Documents:  
**EXHIBIT**([agh72aad.pdf](#))