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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on January 27, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chair (R)
- Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chair (R)
- Sen. Gary Branae (D)
- Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
- Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
- Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R)
- Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
- Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
- Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

- Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
- Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, 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 1207, 1/24/2011

HEARING ON SB 207

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:54 Sen. Frederick "Eric" Moore (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 207, Clarify regulation of wild/domestic buffalo/bison as livestock.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:47 Carl Seilstad, Fergus County, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a01\)](#)

00:08:08 Troy Blunt, Phillips County

00:11:14 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a02\)](#)

00:12:07 Bob Gilbert, Musselshell County

00:12:40 Vicki Olson, Phillips County rancher

00:14:28 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:15:46 Sen. Windy Boy now present

00:15:53 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stock Growers Association and Montana Cattle Women

00:17:10 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:18:27 Rachel Kinkie, Phillips County and Cattle Producers for Responsible Animal Development (Cattle PRAHD)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:20:53 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a03\)](#)

00:24:35 Annie Glover, Confederated and Salish Kootenai Tribes

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a04\)](#)

00:26:28 Sen. Brown

00:27:02 Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:29:32 Darrrel Geist, Buffalo Field Campaign

00:33:29 Tom Heyes, Horse Butte, West Yellowstone

Informational Testimony:

00:34:35 Christian Mackay, Director, Montana Board of Livestock

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a06\)](#)

00:34:36 Sen. Hutton now present

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:14 Sen. Brown

00:40:07 Mr. Blunt

00:43:31 Sen. Brown

00:43:56 Mr. Blunt

00:44:19 Sen. Brown

00:44:22 Sen. Windy Boy
00:45:11 Director Mackay
00:46:18 Sen. Windy Boy
00:47:03 Director Mackay
00:47:54 Sen. Windy Boy
00:48:07 Sen. Moore
00:48:26 Sen. Hawks
00:50:23 Sen. Moore
00:51:54 Sen. Hawks
00:52:37 Mr. McDonald, FWP
00:53:56 Sen. Hawks
00:54:13 Mr. McDonald
00:54:56 Sen. Brown
00:55:26 Mr. McDonald
01:06:18 Sen. Brown
01:07:22 Mr. McDonald
01:07:49 Sen. Brown
01:07:58 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:08:40 Mr. McDonald
01:09:27 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:09:54 Mr. McDonald
01:10:13 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:10:32 Director Mackay
01:11:47 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:11:58 Director Mackay
01:12:22 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:13:00 Mr. McDonald
01:13:39 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:14:14 Director Mackay
01:14:54 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:15:34 Director Mackay
01:15:53 Sen. Brown
01:16:09 Director Mackay
01:20:56 Sen. Brown
01:21:30 Director Mackay
01:21:41 Sen. Larsen
01:22:12 Director Mackay
01:22:35 Sen. Larsen
01:22:43 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:23:22 Mr. McDonald
01:23:50 Sen. Brown
01:24:24 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:24:50 Mr. Copenhagen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:20 Sen. Moore

Additional Exhibits:

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags21a08\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:26 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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