

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on February 8, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
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: HB 54, 2/4/2011; SB 277, 2/5/2011

HEARING ON SB 277

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:35 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 277, Revise duties of Dept of Livestock re federal beef promotion; beef check off.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:13 Ed Lord, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(ags31a01\)](#)

00:17:56 Errol Rice, Montana Stock Growers Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags31a02\)](#)

00:21:07 Sen. Windy Boy now present

00:21:21 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:24:31 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:25:24 Cliff Cox, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony:

00:27:12 Christian Mackay, Montana Board of Livestock

[EXHIBIT\(ags31a033\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:41:37 Charlene Rich, Executive Director, Montana Beef Council

[EXHIBIT\(ags31a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:53 Sen. Ripley

00:46:40 Mr. Mackay

00:51:25 Sen. Ripley

00:51:37 Mr. Mackay

00:52:06 Sen. Brown

00:52:53 John Granger, Department of Livestock (DOL)

00:59:28 Sen. Brown

01:00:01 Mr. Granger', DOL

01:00:28 Sen. Brown

01:00:45 Mr. Mackay

01:04:36 Sen. Brown

01:04:48 Mr. Mackay

01:05:24 Sen. Brown

01:05:34 Sen. Hawks

01:06:06 Mr. Mackay

01:09:04 Sen. Hawks

01:09:36 Mr. Mackay

01:10:24 Sen. Ripley

01:12:24 Mr. Mackay

01:13:20 Sen. Ripley
01:13:29 Mr. Granger
01:13:40 Sen. Ripley
01:14:07 Mr. Mackay
01:15:09 Sen. Ripley
01:15:26 Mr. Mackay
01:15:50 Sen. Brown
01:16:48 Sen. Moore
01:19:18 Sen. Brown
01:19:48 Sen. Moore
01:20:03 Sen. Brown
01:20:15 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)
01:21:48 Sen. Brown
01:22:20 Ms. Hunthausen, LAD
01:23:13 Sen. Hawks
01:23:54 Ms. Hunthausen
01:24:43 Sen. Brown
01:25:12 Ms. Rich, Montana Beef Council
01:26:13 Sen. Brown
01:26:37 Ms. Rich
01:26:59 Sen. Brown
01:27:42 Mr. Mackay
01:29:14 Sen. Brown
01:29:41 Mr. Mackay
01:30:01 Sen. Ripley
01:30:31 Sen. Moore
01:31:09 Sen. Windy Boy
01:31:31 Ms. Hunthausen

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:51 Sen. Moore
01:35:00 Recess
01:42:13 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:42:17 Rep. Gordon Vance (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 54, Define order & program for certain Department of Livestock functions.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:51 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
01:45:13 Errol Rice, Montana Stock Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

01:46:47 Christian Mackay

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:47:35 Sen. Windy Boy
01:48:25 Mr. Mackay
01:48:48 Marty Zalusky, State Veterinarian
01:49:15 Sen. Moore
01:49:43 Mr. Zalusky

Closing by Sponsor:

01:51:14 Rep. Vance

Sen. Moore will carry the bill in the Senate.

Discussion re: SB 148:

01:52:48 Sen. Steinbeisser
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a05\)](#)
01:53:23 Sen. Ripley
01:53:35 Ms. O'Connell, LFD
01:54:00 Sen. Steinbeisser
01:54:09 Sen. Windy Boy
01:54:35 Sen. Steinbeisser

Additional Exhibits re: SB 277

[EXHIBIT\(ags31a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags31a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags31a08\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:56 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags31aad.pdf](#))