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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Donald J. Steinbeisser, on March 17, 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. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Rinay Bender, Committee Secretary
Dan Whyte, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 430, 3/3/2011; HB 469, 3/3/2011; HB 318, 3/3/2011

Executive Action on HB 541 and HB 469

HEARING ON HB 430

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:24 Rep. Cleve Loney (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 430, Revise laws regarding administration of conservation districts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:37 Gayla Wortman, Board Member, Cascade County Conservation District (CCCD)
00:04:37 Jeff Tiberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:32 Laurie Zeller, Conservation Districts Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:13 Rep. Loney

HEARING ON HB 318

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:36 Rep. Wendy Warburton (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 318, Ensure county oversight in movement of publicly-owned wild buffalo or bison.

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[EXHIBIT\(ags60a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a05\)](#)

00:09:01 Sen. Hutton and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:49 Lesley Robinson, Phillips County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a07\)](#)

00:18:54 Marty Malone, Park County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a09\)](#)

00:22:20 Dave Skinner, Montanans For Multiple Use

00:22:55 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana CattleWomen, and on behalf of Nicole Rolf of Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:23:31 Tim Ravndal, Lewis and Clark County Conservative Tea Party (LCCTP)

00:24:21 Rachel Kinkie, Phillips County, Cattle Producers for Responsible Animal Health Development (PRAHD)

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Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:52 Sen. Windy Boy

00:34:08 Art Noonan, Deputy Directory, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a11\)](#)

00:43:46 Annie Glover, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

00:46:43 Mike Fox, Fort Belknap Community Council, Bison Management

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a12\)](#)

00:51:54 Christina Kracher, Attorney, InterTribal Bison Coopeative (ITBC)

[EXHIBIT\(ags60a13\)](#)

00:57:28 David Dittloff, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

01:04:21 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:07:10 Sen. Steinbeisser left the meeting.

01:12:16 Stephen Sweeney, Citizens Working Group, Buffalo Field Campaign

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:01 Sen. Windy Boy

01:14:35 Mr. Noonan, FWP

01:15:59 Sen. Windy Boy

01:16:38 Mr. Noonan

01:16:53 Sen. Ripley

01:18:04 Mr. Noonan

01:20:56 Sen. Ripley

01:21:00 Mr. Noonan

01:25:36 Sen. Ripley

01:26:05 Mr. Fox

01:27:11 Sen. Ripley

01:27:47 Mr. Fox

01:28:51 Sen. Brown

01:29:48 Mr. Fox

01:31:01 Sen. Brown

01:31:41 Mr. Fox

01:33:02 Sen. Larsen

01:33:18 Mr. Fox
01:33:43 Sen. Windy Boy
01:34:38 Ms. Kracher, ITBC
01:35:41 Sen. Windy Boy
01:37:07 Ms. Kracher
01:39:06 Sen. Ripley
01:40:17 Ms. Kracher
01:41:23 Sen. Brown
01:41:38 Ms. Kracher
01:41:59 Sen. Brown
01:42:07 Ms. Kracher
01:42:19 Sen. Ripley
01:43:24 Mr. Dittloff, MWF

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01:44:16 Sen. Brown
01:44:45 Mr. Noonan
01:51:24 Sen. Brown
01:51:49 Mr. Noonan
01:52:41 Sen. Brown
01:53:17 Ms. Robinson
01:55:32 Sen. Brown
01:55:51 Ms. Robinson
01:56:09 Sen. Windy Boy
01:56:46 Ms. Robinson
01:57:12 Sen. Windy Boy
01:58:15 Rep. Warburton
02:00:34 Sen. Brown
02:00:45 Sen. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

02:01:29 Rep. Warburton

HEARING ON HB 469

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:06:16 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 469, Clarify and simplify name of livestock loss reduction and mitigation board.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:07:52 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana CattleWomen and on behalf of Nicole Rolf of Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

02:08:49 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Manager for the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Board (LLRMB)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:13 Sen. Hawks
02:09:42 Rep. Clark
02:09:49 Sen. Hawks
02:10:01 Sen. Moore
02:10:19 Rep. Clark
02:10:47 Sen. Windy Boy
02:11:10 Rep. Clark
02:11:45 Mr. Edwards, LLRMB
02:12:03 Sen. Windy Boy
02:12:27 Mr. Edwards
02:13:59 Sen. Brown
02:14:05 Sen. Ripley
02:14:34 Sen. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

02:14:49 Rep. Clark

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 541

(Sen. Steinbeisser and Sen. Murphy not present)

02:16:40 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 541 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:16:52 Dan Whyte, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:17:32 **Motion:** Sen. Hutton moved that **HB 541 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:18:23 Sen. Brown
02:19:11 Sen. Windy Boy
02:19:52 Jim Brown, Montana Woolgrowers Association (MWGA)
02:20:12 Sen. Moore
02:20:40 Mr. Brown, MWGA
02:21:10 Sen. Brown
02:21:17 Bob Lane, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
02:22:00 Sen. Moore
02:22:28 Sen. Brown
02:22:48 Mr. Lane, FWP

02:23:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Murphy and Sen. Steinbeisser voted by proxy.

02:24:18 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **HB 541 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Murphy and Sen. Steinbeisser voted by proxy. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 469

(Sen. Steinbeisser and Sen. Murphy not present)

02:25:47 **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **HB 469 BE CONCURRED IN**.

02:26:06 Mr. Whyte

02:26:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **HB 469 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Murphy and Sen. Steinbeisser voted by proxy.

02:27:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **HB 469 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Murphy and Sen. Steinbeisser voted by proxy. Sen. Windy Boy will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

02:28:14 Sen. Brown adjourned the meeting.

Rinay Bender, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit

EXHIBIT([ags60a15](#))

Correspondence from Cele Pohle relating to HB 318.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags60aad.pdf](#))