

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 12, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Elizabeth Whiting, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 216, 2/5/2013; SB 252, 2/8/2013; HB 115, 2/8/2013

Executive Action: SB 252 - Do Pass
HB 114 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON SB 252

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:43 Sen. Matthew Rosendale (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 252, Generally revise irrigation district laws related to elections.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:11 Ric Holden, Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project (BRIP)
00:23:58 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association (MWRA)
00:25:33 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:26:11 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
00:26:48 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:27:28 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:27:54 Jim Foster, Helena Valley Irrigation District (HVID)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:18 Sen. Boulanger
00:31:55 Ric Holden, BRIP
00:32:04 Sen. Boulanger
00:32:34 Ric Holden
00:32:53 Sen. Moore
00:33:30 Ric Holden
00:33:33 Sen. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:47 Sen. Rosendale

HEARING ON HB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:48 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 115, Revise slaughterhouse regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:29 Gary Hamel, Chief Meat Inspector, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)
00:37:32 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:45 Sen. Augare
00:39:48 Gary Hamel, DOL
00:39:52 Sen. Moore
00:39:59 Gary Hamel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:40 Rep. Christy Clark

00:41:46 Brief recess
00:46:15 Hearing reconvened
00:46:40 Sen. Augare left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:43 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 216, Revise requirements for landowner apiary sites.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:58 Gary Krueger, self
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:54:28 Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk, University of Montana (UM)
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a04\)](#)

01:02:07 James Rehm, Montana State Beekeepers Association (MSBA) and Smoot Honey Company, Power, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a05\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a06\)](#)

01:07:05 Craig Rodenberg, Honeyland Incorporated, Wolf Point, Montana
01:07:52 Spencer Drange, Drange Apiary, Incorporated, Laurel, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a07\)](#)

01:09:49 Bill Mitchell, Mitchell Brothers Honey, Incorporated, Missoula, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a08\)](#)

01:10:18 Bert Wustner, Bert and the Bees, Lolo, Montana
[EXHIBIT\(ags31a09\)](#)

01:12:33 Vance Gilbraith, beekeeper
 01:14:56 Sen. Murphy left the hearing.
 01:15:07 Tod Larsen, Larsen Apiaries
 01:16:23 Bill Morrison, self
 01:16:50 Allison Wentzell, Montana Beeline (MB)
 01:19:53 Jim Rodenberg, Honeyland, Incorporated
 01:21:49 Vivian Anderson, Anderson Apiaries
 01:23:09 Greg Fullerton, Glacier County Honey Company (GCHC)
 01:24:01 Keegan Fluke, Arlee Apiaries
 01:24:32 Mark Jensen, Smoot Honey Company

Informational Testimony:

01:25:17 Ian Foley, Apiary Manager, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:50 Sen. Sales
 01:26:15 Ian Foley, AGR
 01:26:33 Sen. Sales
 01:26:41 Ian Foley
 01:27:00 Sen. Malek
 01:27:20 Ian Foley
 01:28:19 Sen. Malek
 01:28:48 James Rehm, MSBA
 01:29:44 Sen. Malek
 01:30:14 Greg Fullerton, GCHC
 01:31:54 Sen. Malek
 01:32:04 Greg Fullerton
 01:32:10 Sen. Malek
 01:32:37 Allison Wentzel, MB
 01:35:07 Sen. Malek
 01:35:16 Chairman Brown
 01:35:33 Ian Foley
 01:37:30 Chairman Brown
 01:37:37 Sen. Moore
 01:37:50 Ian Foley
 01:38:58 Sen. Taylor
 01:39:20 Ian Foley
 01:40:50 Sen. Taylor
 01:41:03 Chairman Brown
 01:41:08 Ian Foley
 01:41:16 Chairman Brown
 01:41:39 Sen. Sales
 01:42:16 James Rehm
 01:42:54 Sen. Sales
 01:43:27 James Rehm
 01:45:09 Sen. Moore
 01:45:45 Jerry Bromenshenk, UM
 01:50:54 Sen. Taylor

01:52:10 James Rehm
01:52:17 Sen. Malek
01:52:55 Jerry Bromenshenk
01:53:29 Sen. Malek
01:53:52 Jerry Bromenshenk
01:54:21 Sen. Malek
01:55:29 Ian Foley
01:56:00 Sen. Malek
01:56:20 James Rehm
01:56:38 Sen. Malek
01:56:43 James Rehm
01:57:30 Sen. Boulanger
01:57:56 Ian Foley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:58:26 Sen. Tutvedt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 252

02:01:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 252 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Augare, Sen. Murphy and Sen. Phillips voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 114

02:02:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **HB 114 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Augare, Sen. Murphy and Sen. Phillips voted by proxy. Sen. Augare will carry the bill.

02:04:30 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:52 p.m.

Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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