

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on February 4, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)
Rep. John L. Holden, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Paul Clark (D)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)
Rep. Bill Eggers (D)
Rep. Kathleen Galvin-Halcro (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Sam Rose (R)
Rep. Brennan Ryan (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bob Story (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joyce Bankhead, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 18, SB 171, HB 345
Posted 1/29/99

Executive Action: SB 18 DO CONCUR
HB 345 amended

HEARING ON SB 171

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Ken Mesaros, SD 25.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Dave Kasten, rancher in Eastern MT and Circle Rifle Club

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Mary Ann Murray, rancher in Garfield Co.

EXHIBIT (agh28a01) EXHIBIT (agh28a02)

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Darrel Hanson, rancher in Ashland Montana.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.7 - 24.6}

Nancy Espy, Powder River County and Carter County

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 25.8}

Robert Henson, MT Farm Bureau

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8 - 27.2}

Tom Hoagen, rancher in Melstone

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.2 - 29.5}

Bill Garrison, rancher and Vice Pres. of MT Stockgrowers

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.5 - 30.6}

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Arla Jean Murray, MT Cattlewomen

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8 - 3.4}

Ray Myers, rancher in Boulder

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.4 - 6.9}

Ken Maki, MT Farmers Union

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.9 - 7.9}

Tack Van Cleve, Crazy MT Landowners and MT Ranch Vacation Assn.

EXHIBIT (agh28a03) **EXHIBIT** (agh28a04)

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Page Dreamman, Attorney from Big Timber on behalf MT Land Owners Alliance.

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Tony Carroccia, Crazy Mountain Stockgrowers

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Rocco Carroccia, rancher and hunting guide

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Pat Graham, Director of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

EXHIBIT (agh28a05)

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Bob Stephens, MT Grain Growers

Candance Payne, WIFE

Cliff Cox, MT Farm Bureau

Beth Emter, MT Stockgrowers Assn.

Pete McHugh, Lewis & Clark Co. Farm Bureau

Mike Murphy, MT Water Resource Assn.

Cork Mortensen, rancher in Lewis & Clark County

Della Elky, insurance agent and member of Mt Stockgrowers Assn.

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Opponents' Testimony:

Van Jamison, MT Wildlife Federation

EXHIBIT (agh28a06) **EXHIBIT** (agh28a07)

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Jim McDermand, Russell Country Sportsman **EXHIBIT** (agh28a08)

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Gary Sturm, Pres. Prickly Pear Sportsman **EXHIBIT** (agh28a09)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.4 - 9.8}

Ben Deeble, Pres. Big Sky Upland Bird Assn.

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Jack Puckett, Big Sky Upland Bird Assn. **EXHIBIT** (agh28a10)

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Tony Schoonen, Public Access Assoc. and State Lands Coalition
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.1 - 19.9}

Bill Holdorf, Skyline Sportsmen Assn. and Anaconda Sportsman Assn.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.9 - 21.6}

Charlie McCarthy, hunter
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.6 - 23.8}

Larry Sickerson, hunter
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.8 - 27.4}

Bob Gidden, hunter
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.4 - 29.8}

EXHIBIT(agh28a11) from Senator Al Bishop for each committee member.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Rose and Masolo to Jamison
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Reps. Masolo and Hedges to Graham
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Rep. Hedges to Beate Galda
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Reps. Lenhart and Story to Graham
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.3 - 15.3}
Rep. Jore to Sen. Mesaros
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.3 - 16.7}
Rep. Jore to Garrison
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Rep. Jore to McDermid
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2 - 18.8}
Rep. Adams to Sen. Mesaros
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.8 - 21}
Rep. Holden to Jamison
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 22.5}
Rep. Guggenheim to Graham
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.5 - 24.6}
Rep. Galvin-Halcro to Sen. Mesaro
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 26.7}
Rep. Galvin-Halcro to Graham
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.7 - 27.6}
Rep. Galvin-Halcro to Kasten
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.6 - 27.9}
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Rep. Galvin-Halcro to Hansen

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Rep. Trexler to Mesaros

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.1 - 4.2}

Closing by Sponsor:

Sen. Mesaros closed the Hearing on SB 171.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.2 - 11.7}

HEARING ON SB 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Linda Nelson, SD 49.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.7 - 15.4}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ralph Peck, Director of MT Dept. of Agriculture

EXHIBIT(agh28a12)

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Robert Hanson, MT Farm Bureau, Woolgrowers, and Dairy Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2 - 17.2}

Mike Graytak, Director of MT Pulse Growers

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.2 - 18.9}

Jenny Stickley, MT Stockgrowers

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.9 - 20.5}

Cliff Cox, District 2 Director MT Farm Bureau

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.5 - 21}

Steve Keil, Past Pres. of Pacific Northwest Canola Reap Seed Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 27.6}

Ron DeYong, MT Farmers Union

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.6 - 28.7}

Bob Stephens, MT Grain Growers Assn.

For the record Candace Payne, WIFE

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Webb Brown, MT Chamber of Commerce

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.3 - 29.8}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Rose and Jore to Sen. Nelson

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Closing by the Sponsor:

Sen. Nelson closed the Hearing on SB 18.

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HEARING ON HB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Bob Raney, HD 26. **EXHIBIT**(agh28a13)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.2 - 5.8}

Proponents' Testimony:

Dave Burch, Jefferson Co. Weed District Coor. & MT Weed Control Assn. **EXHIBIT**(agh28a14)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.8 - 6.8}

Jim Freeman, Cascade Co. Weed Supervisor

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.8 - 7.7}

Robert Hanson, MT Farm Bureau

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.7 - 9.4}

Bob Carlson, Silver Bow Co. Weed Supervisor

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.4 - 11.1}

David Schulz, Past Pres. MT Weed Control Assn.

Madison Co. Weed Supervisor

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1 - 13.6}

Doug Monger, FW&P **EXHIBIT**(agh28a15)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.6 - 14}

Ken Maki, MT Farmers Union

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 15.1}

Marty Malone, Park Co. Extension Agent & V.P. MT Weed Control Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.1 - 15.7}

Dennis Hengel, Gallatin Co. Weed District Super.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.7 - 16.5}

Jim Hunt, Co. Commissioner Park County

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.5 - 17.3}

Frank Regler, Rancher **EXHIBIT**(agh28a16) **EXHIBIT**(agh28a17)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.3 - 19}

Arla Jean Murray, MT Cattlewomen

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19 - 19.3}

Travis Chevallier, Chr. Park Co. Weed Board **EXHIBIT**(agh28a18)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.3 - 20.7}

Written testimony by Tony Schoonen **EXHIBIT**(agh28a19)

Anonymous written testimony. **EXHIBIT**(agh28a20)

Opponents' Testimony:

Mike Foster, MT Contractors Assn.

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Ed Maronick, Pres. Maronick Contruction **EXHIBIT**(agh28a21)

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.2 - 26.9}

Paul Thompson, Engineer

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.9 - 28.4}

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Hedges to Thompson

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Rep. Masolo to Raney

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.3 - 10.3}

Rep. Clark to Maronick

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.3 - 12.6}

Rep. Story to Schulz

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.6 - 14.5}

Rep. Rose to Raney

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.5 - 15.9}

Informational Witness:

John Blacker, Adm. of Main. Div. Dept. of Transportation

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Continuation of Questions from the Committee:

Rep. Story to Raney

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 19.6}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Rep. Raney closed the Hearing on HB 345.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.6 - 24.6}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 18

Motion/Vote: REP. ROSE moved that SB 18 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 18-2 with Adams and Jore voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.6 - 26.8}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 345

Motion/Vote: REP. RYAN moved that HB 345 BE AMENDED. Motion carried 20-0.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.8 - 27.6}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:10 P.M.

REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (agh28aad)