

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN RALPH LENHART**, on March 2, 1999
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joe Barnett, 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: Rep. John L. Holden, Vice Chairman (R)

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 91, SB 187, SB 394
Posted 2/23/99
Executive Action: SB 91

HEARING ON SB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Charles Swysgood, SB17.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 2.6}

Proponents' Testimony:

Doug Monger, FWP **EXHIBIT**(agh47a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.6 - 4.8}

Katrina Scheuerman, MT Audubon

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8 - 5.2}

Lorna Karn, MT Farm Bureau

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.2 - 6.1}

Ken Hoovestol, Walleyes Unlimited of MT

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1 - 6.5}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.5 - 6.9}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Reps. Rose, Hedges, Story, and Clark to Monger

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.9 - 14.8}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Senator Swysgood closed the Hearing on SB 91.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.8 - 17.8}

HEARING ON SB 394

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Jon Tester, SB 45

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.8 - 20.8}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Quinn, organic farmer by Big Sandy

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.8 - 27.1}

EXHIBIT(agh47a02)

Bob Stephens, MT Grain Growers

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.1 - 27.5}

Mark Mackin, NW MT Farm Improvement Committee and Organic
Certification Assn. of MT

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.5 - 30}

EXHIBIT (agh47a03)

Craig Sweet, MT Public Interest Research Group

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30 - 30.6}

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 1.2}

Ron DeYong, MT Farmers Union

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.2 - 4.7}

Ralph Peck, Director - Dept. of Ag.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.7 - 5.3}

David Oien, farmer North of Conrad & Timeless Seeds, Inc.

EXHIBIT (agh47a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.3 - 11.7}

Al Kurki, Grants program research USDA

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.7 - 13.4}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4 - 13.9}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Hedges to Peck

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.9 - 16.7}

Reps. Guggenheim, Masolo, Jore and Story to Tester

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.7 - 28.6}

Rep. Story to Peck and Tester

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 6}

Reps. Rose and Adams to Tester

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6 - 8.2}

Rep. Clark to Peck and Tester

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2 - 14.4}

Rep. Guggenheim to Peck

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.4 - 16.2}

Rep. Adams to Peck and Bob Quinn

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2 - 19.2}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Sen. Tester closed the Hearing on SB 394.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.2 - 20.5}

HEARING ON SB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Jon Tester, SB 45.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20.5 - 22.6}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bob Gilbert, MT Aviation Trades Assoc. and Assoc. of MT Aerial Applicators

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6 - 24.9}

Pam Langley, MT AgriBusiness Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.9 - 27.1}

Bob Stephens, MT Growers Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.1 - 27.3}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.3 - 27.6}

Informational Witness:

Arla Jean Murray

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.6 - 28.8}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Rose to Langley

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.8 - 29.8}

Rep. Trexler to Gilbert

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29.8 - 30.8}

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 0.5}

Rep. Clark to Gilbert

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.5 - 2.2}

Closing by the Sponsor;

Sen. Tester closes the Hearing on SB 187.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.2 - 4}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 91

Motion/Vote: REP. MASOLO moved that SB 91 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion carried 18-1 with Rose voting no.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4 - 7.1}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:32 P.M.

REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (agh47aad)