

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on March 9, 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. 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. Rick Dale (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 183, SB 342, SB 384
Posted 3/4/99
Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON SB 183

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Linda Nelson, SD 49.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 3.4}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ralph Peck, Director Dept. of Ag

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David Sagmiller, member of 2005 Task Force and MT Ag Business Assn.

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Steve McDonnell, MT Seed Trade Assn.

EXHIBIT(agh53a01)**EXHIBIT**(agh53a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2 - 13.7}

Ron DeYong, Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, and WIFE

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.7 - 15.6}

Randy Johnson, MT Grain Growers Assn. and MT Seed Growers Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6 - 18.3}

Dr. Dan Biggerstaff, Western Plant Breeders

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 22.8}

Kerry Schaefer, General Mills and member of 2005 Task Force

EXHIBIT(agh53a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.8 - 25.4}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.4 - 25.8}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Hedges to Nelson referred to Peck

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8 - 28.9}

Rep. Rose to Peck referred to McDonnell

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.9 - 30.5}

Rep. Rose to Schaefer

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Rep. Holden to Johnson

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Rep. Jore to Sagmiller

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3 - 7.2}

Rep. Jore to McDonnell

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.2 - 11.7}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Senator Nelson closed the Hearing on SB 183.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.7 - 13.5}

HEARING ON SB 384

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Ken Mesaros, SB 25.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5 - 16.7}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mark Taylor, MT Alternative Livestock Producers

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.7 - 18.3}

Paul Sihler, MT FW&P **EXHIBIT**(agh53a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 22.3}

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.3 - 22.6}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Lenhart to Sihler to Karen Zacheim from FWP

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.6 - 24.8}

Rep. Holden to Mesaros

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.8 - 25.4}

Rep. Guggenheim to Mesaros

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.4 - 26.9}

Rep. Jore to Taylor

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.9 - 28.3}

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Rep. Jore to Sihler

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.4 - 3.2}

Rep. Hedges to Sihler

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.2 - 4.8}

Rep. Adams to Sihler

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Reps. Jackson, Clark, & Adams to Sihler referred to Zachion

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.2 - 14.2}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Senator Mesaros closed the Hearing on SB 384.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.2 - 15.5}

HEARING ON SB 342

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Senator Don Hargrove, SD 16.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.5 - 22.5}

Proponents' Testimony:

Rep. Karl Ohs, HD 33

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22.5 - 23.9}

John Bloomquist, MT Stockgrowers Assn., MT Farm Bureau, & MT Cattlewomen

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.9 - 27.4}

John Ficken, farmer from Kalispell **EXHIBIT**(agh53a05)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.4 - 28.7}

Rock Ringling, MT Land Relaince **EXHIBIT**(agh53a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.7 - 31}

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Mona Jamison, MT Ag Hertiage Program

EXHIBIT(agh53a07)**EXHIBIT**(agh53a08)

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Mike Volesky, MT Assoc. of Conservation Districts

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.5 - 13.7}

Mike Murphy, MT Water Resource Assn.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.7 - 15.1}

Ralph Peck, Director Dept. of Ag

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Harry Flicken, farmer from Kalispell **EXHIBIT**(agh53a09)
also submitted written testimony from Vonnice Koenig

EXHIBIT(agh53a10)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.2 - 24.3}

Steve Snezek, MT Assn. of Realtors

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.3 - 26.6}

Jerry Wells, Trout Unlimited

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.6 - 28.1}

Paul Sihler, MT FW&P **EXHIBIT**(agh53a11)

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Bill Koening, farmer **EXHIBIT**(agh53a12)

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Bob Gilbert, MT Woolgrowers Assn and NW Farm Credit Services

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.3 - 3.1}

Ron DeYong, MT Farmers Union

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Art Neill, MT Nature Conservancy **EXHIBIT**(agh53a13)

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Brian Kahn, Artemis Common Ground

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.7 - 11.1}

Carl Schweitzer, MT Wood Products Assn.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.1 - 11.6}

Katrina Scheuerman, MT Audubon

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 11.6 - 12.3}

Byron Roberts, MT Building Industry Assoc.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.3 - 12.8}

Written testimony from Terry Lonner and Gallatin County Open
Lands Board. **EXHIBIT**(agh53a14)

Opponents' Testimony:

NONE

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Rose to Jamison

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.1 - 15.2}

Rep. Rose to Ringling

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.2 - 19.4}

Rep. Rose to Neil referred to Williams, State Director

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.4 - 23.2}

Reps. Masolo, Holden, and Thomas to Ringling

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.2 - 29}

Rep. Hedges to Ringling referred to Kahn

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 29 - 30.6}

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 1.5}

Rep. Adams to Kahn

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.5 - 4.5}

Reps. Clark and Barnett to Ringling

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.5 - 10.6}

Closing by the Sponsor:

Senator Hargrove closed the Hearing on SB 342.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.6 - 22.3}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (agh53aad)