

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT**, on March 18, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 325 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. 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. Gay Ann Masolo (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: HB 643
Posted 3/9/99
Executive Action: NONE

Chairman Barnett explained the points of order for this committee. Testimony is limited to one hour for proponents and one hour for opponents.

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HEARING ON HB 643

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Gail Gutsche, HD 66. **EXHIBIT**(agh61a01)**EXHIBIT**(agh61a02)

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Proponents' Testimony:

Pat Smith, Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative **EXHIBIT**(agh61a03)

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Jim Coefield, self **EXHIBIT**(agh61a04)

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Terry Macobee, Friends of the Wild Swan

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Rep. Carol Juneau, HD 85.

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Jean Marie Souvigny, Great Yellowstone Coalition
EXHIBIT(agh61a05)

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Florence Gardipee, self **EXHIBIT**(agh61a06)

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Joe Gutkoski, American Buffalo Foundation **EXHIBIT**(agh61a07)

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Sherm Janke, MT Sierra Club **EXHIBIT**(agh61a08)

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Drusha Mayhue, self **EXHIBIT**(agh61a09)

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Nancy Slowik, Buffalo Field Campaign **EXHIBIT**(agh61a10)

Showed a video.

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D.J. Schubert, The Fund for Animals **EXHIBIT(agh61a11)**

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Cris Mulvey, Local people in West Yellowstone
also additional testimony of Summer Nelson and other local people.

EXHIBIT(agh61a12)

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Jeremy O'Day, lives in West Yellowstone

also additional testimony of David A Ritchey **EXHIBIT(agh61a13)**

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Wendy McFadden, Environmental Action Committee University of MT

EXHIBIT(agh61a14)

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Jim Dara, Executive Director, Dept. of Environmental Council

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David Dittloff, MT Wildlife Federation

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List of Proponents just stating names:

Bill Stern, Native Forest Network **EXHIBIT(agh61a15)** Katrina

Scheuerman, MT Audubon **EXHIBIT(agh61a16)** Keith Stockmann, self

EXHIBIT(agh61a17)

Sue Gregerson, self **EXHIBIT(agh61a18)** Laura Ferguson, self

Heidi Barrett, self **EXHIBIT(agh61a19)** Valorie Drake, self

EXHIBIT(agh61a20) Sharon Sutherland, self **EXHIBIT(agh61a21)**

Will Boland, self

Sylvia Ryan ????

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Opponents' Testimony:

Cody Dwire, Bear Pause Pepper Spray

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Julie LaPeyre, Governor's Office

EXHIBIT(agh61a22) EXHIBIT(agh61a23) EXHIBIT(agh61a24)

EXHIBIT(agh61a25)

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Jim Peterson, Executive V.P. MT Stockgrowers **EXHIBIT** (agh61a26)
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Representative of MT Stockgrowers
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Rep. Bill Tash, HD 34
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Rep. Jay Stovall, HD 16
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Jim Hagenbarth, Former Board of Livestock
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Brian Sariton from Belt
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Arla Jean Murray, MT Catlewomen Assn.
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Jim retired rancher by Yellowstone Park
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Robert Hansen, MT Farm Bureau
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Franklin rancher by Yellowstone
showed a video
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Stuart Doggett, MT Veterinary Medical Association
also additional testimony from Bruce Little **EXHIBIT** (agh61a27)
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Candance Payne, WIFE
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Len Cornwell, rancher from Glasgow and National Cattle-Beef Assn.
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Bill Garrison, V.P. MT Stockgrowers Assn.
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Bill Donald, Director MT Stockgrowers
also additional testimony from Malcolm's **EXHIBIT** (agh61a28)
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Vicki Olson, rancher from Malta

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Shawn Pilster, self

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Additional written testimony:

Steve Kelly **EXHIBIT**(agh61a29)

The White Clay Society **EXHIBIT**(agh61a30)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Rep. Jackson to Dittloff

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Rep. Rose to Gutsche referred to Souvigney back to Gutsche

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Rep. Rose to Gardipee

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Rep. Lindeen to LaPeyre

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Rep. Lindeen to Gutsche

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Rep. Hedges to Gutsche referred to LaPeyre

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Rep. Adams to Peterson

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Rep. Guggenheim to LaPeyre

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Rep. Guggenheim to Souvigney

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Rep. Thomas to LaPeyre

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Rep. Thomas to Gutsche

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Rep. Clark to Tash

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Rep. Clark to Smith

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Rep. Clark to Peterson

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Rep. Clark to LaPeyre referred to MT State Vet.

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Rep. Clark to LaPeyre

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Rep. Clark to MT State Vet.

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Rep. Eggers to MT State Vet.

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Rep. Eggers to LaPeyre

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Rep. Holden to Souvigney

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Rep. Story to Gutsche

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Rep. Story to Smith

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Rep. Story to Gutsche

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Rep. Story to LaPeyre

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.3 - 6.1}

Rep. Story to Steve Lewis

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1 - 10.5}

Rep. Story to LaPeyre

{Tape : 4; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.5 - 13.3}

Rep. Rose to Coefield

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Rep. Lenhart to MT State Vet.

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Rep. Smith to Gutsche

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Closing by the Sponsor:

Rep. Gutsche closed the Hearing on HB 643.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:50 P.M.

REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

JOYCE BANKHEAD, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (agh61aad)