

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on February 7, 2005
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Staff Present: Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch
Annie Glover, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 320, 2/2/2005
Executive Action: SB 259

00:00:00

HEARING ON SB 320

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. KEITH BALES (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on **SB 320**,
Facilitate establishment of confined animal feeding operations.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:07 **Mr. John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers
Association**
00:14:39 **Mr. Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers
Association**
00:20:15 **Mr. Eric Moore, Montana Cattlefeeders Association**
00:25:16 **Mr. Les Graham, Montana Association of Livestock
Markets**
00:27:09 **Mr. William Almy, Keystone Ranches Inc.**
00:30:52 **Mr. Sam Scott, Livestock producer**
00:35:03 **Ms. Danielle Rau, Montana Farm Bureau Federation**
00:35:30 **Barbara Broberg, Montana Women Involved in
Agricultural Economics**
00:35:49 **Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmer's Union**
00:36:58 **Mr. Pat Murphy, Feedlot Manager**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:00 **Ms. Leslie McClain, Montana Environmental
Information Center**

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags30a01)

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags30a02)

Informational Testimony:

00:48:56 **Ms. Bonnie Lovelace, Department of Environmental
Quality**

00:49:25

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:05:13

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:00 **SEN. BRUEGGEMAN** exited.

01:08:55

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 259

Motion: SEN. STAPLETON moved that SB 259 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that SB 259 BE AMENDED BY SB025901.ADS.

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags30a03)

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that SB 259 BE AMENDED BY SB025902.ADS.

[EXHIBIT](#)(ags30a04)

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with SEN. STAPLETON voting no.

Motion/Vote: SEN. STAPLETON moved that SB 259 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([ags30aad0.PDF](#))