

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: By **SEN. KEN HANSEN**, on March 4, 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. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Gerald Pease (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Jon Tester (D)

Members Absent: None.

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 24, 3/1/2005; HJ 6, 3/1/2005; HB 351, 3/1/2005
Executive Action: HJ 24

00:00:02_____

HEARING ON HJ 24

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. BOB BERGREN (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on **HJ 24**, Commemorate Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:06 **Mr. Clint Blackwood, Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission**

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00:02:54 **Mr. Michael Sweeney, Master's Student, Native American Studies, Montana State University**

00:04:03 **Mr. David Ellenberger, reading testimony of Hal Sterns, Lewis and Clark Historian**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:06:24

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. LARSON will carry HJ 24 on the Senate Floor.

00:07:56_____

HEARING ON HJ 6

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. JONATHAN WINDY BOY (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on **HJ 6**, Urge USDA to locate rural development satellite offices in rural Montana.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:53 **Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:12:30

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:25

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:29

HEARING ON HB 351

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. EDWARD BUTCHER (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on **HB 351**,
Require explanation of improvement arbitration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:20 **Mr. Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association,**
 Montana Association of State Grazing Districts

00:25:05 **Mr. Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union**

00:26:14 **Ms. Nancy Schlepp, Montana Farm Bureau Federation**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:26:55 **Mr. Kevin Chappell, Bureau Chief, Agriculture and**
 Grazing Bureau, Department of Natural Resources

00:28:05

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:49

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:26

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 24

Motion/Vote: **SEN. LARSON** moved that **HJ 24** **BE CONCURRED IN.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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