

Dead Bills

Halting the movement of bills detrimental to agriculture is equally as important - if not more important - than ensuring ag-friendly legislation makes it past the finish line. We're pleased to report that all fourteen of the bills Montana Farm Bureau opposed were tabled in their respective committees and declared dead after missing the transmittal deadline on March 2.

The two bills (SB 97 & HB 271) aimed at stopping the construction of the TransCanada/XL Pipeline both died in committee, and HB 452, which would have expanded state agency oversight of heritage properties onto private lands, lived a very short life.

Sen. Mike Phillips' attempt to ban coyote derbies across the state proved unsuccessful, just as his bill to halt hunting and trapping of wolves near Yellowstone did.