

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Jopek, on January 29, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, 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: HB 282, 1/26/2009; HB 290,
1/26/2009; HB 368, 1/26/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 290, Increase sales amount requiring produce license for farmer's market vendors.

[EXHIBIT \(agh21a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:48 Jeanne Charter, Chair, Community Food Campaign,
Yellowstone Valley Citizens Council
00:05:07 Rachel Negaard, Self
00:06:19 Cheryl Brill, Self
00:07:03 Rep. Butcher entered the room.
00:08:51 Deborah Muth, All Nations Garden Club
00:11:25 Clare Witcomb, All Nations Garden Club
00:12:09 Daniel Negaard, Self
00:13:31 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana
00:14:27 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:44 Carrie Brittain, Association of Montana Turf Ornamental
and Pest Professionals, Orchard Homes Farmers Market
00:18:00 Gerald Landby, President, Association of Montana Turf
Ornamental and Pest Professionals

Informational Testimony:

00:18:33 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agriculture Science Division,
Montana Department of Agriculture

[EXHIBIT \(agh21a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:39 Rep. Dickenson
00:22:15 Rep. Grinde
00:22:33 Rep. Dickenson
00:22:53 Rep. Grinde
00:23:21 Rep. MacDonald

00:23:58 Ms. Charter
00:25:00 Rep. Hoven
00:25:18 Rep. Grinde
00:25:59 Rep. Butcher
00:26:42 Mr. Ames
00:28:07 Rep. Butcher
00:28:27 Andy Gray, Department of Agriculture
00:29:21 Rep. Butcher
00:29:57 Mr. Gray
00:30:28 Rep. Butcher
00:30:57 Ms. Negaard
00:31:57 Rep. Butcher
00:32:21 Ms. Negaard
00:33:18 Rep. Furey
00:34:04 Mr. Gray
00:34:41 Rep. Furey
00:35:16 Mr. Gray
00:35:51 Rep. Furey
00:36:17 Mr. Gray
00:37:15 Chairman Jopek
00:37:24 Rep. Fleming
00:37:59 Mr. Ames
00:40:18 Rep. Fleming
00:40:33 Mr. Ames
00:41:24 Rep. Wagner
00:41:45 Mr. Ames
00:42:00 Rep. Wagner
00:42:23 Mr. Ames
00:43:14 Rep. Wagner
00:43:38 Mr. Ames
00:43:46 Rep. Wagner
00:43:53 Mr. Ames
00:44:13 Rep. Wagner
00:44:55 Mr. Ames
00:45:14 Rep. Wagner
00:45:37 Mr. Ames
00:46:02 Rep. Wagner
00:47:01 Mr. Ames
00:49:28 Chairman Jopek
00:49:32 Rep. Wagner
00:50:28 Mr. Ames
00:50:46 Rep. MacDonald
00:51:17 Ms. Negaard
00:51:26 Rep. MacDonald
00:51:57 Ms. Negaard
00:52:18 Rep. MacDonald
00:52:37 Ms. Brill
00:52:50 Rep. MacDonald
00:53:02 Ms. Brill
00:53:37 Rep. Warburton

00:54:02 Mr. Ames
00:54:40 Rep. Wagner
00:55:01 Rep. Grinde
00:55:19 Ms. Negaard
00:55:47 Rep. Butcher
00:56:16 Mr. Ames
00:56:46 Chairman Jopek
00:56:50 Rep. Butcher
00:57:18 Ms. Negaard
00:58:04 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:11 Rep. Grinde
00:59:23 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON HB 282

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:39 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 282, Revise license fees for nursery stock vendors at farmers markets.

EXHIBIT (agh21a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:37 Jeanne Charter, Chair, Community Food Campaign, Yellowstone Valley Citizens Council
01:02:41 Rachel Negaard, Self
01:03:56 Clare Witcomb, All Nations Garden Club
01:05:01 Cheryl Brill, All Nations Garden Club
01:06:32 Daniel Negaard, Self
01:08:16 Debra Muth, All-Nations Garden Club
01:10:10 Sharlene McComas, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:07 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agriculture Science Division, Montana Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT (agh21a04)

01:15:40 Carrie Brittain, Association of Montana Turf Ornamental and Pest Professionals, Orchard Homes Farmers Market
01:17:17 Gerald Landby, President, Association of Montana Turf Ornamental and Pest Professionals

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:43 Rep. French
01:19:58 Rep. McClafferty entered the room.
01:20:03 Mr. Ames
01:21:11 Rep. French
01:21:21 Mr. Ames
01:21:31 Rep. French
01:22:05 Chairman Jopek
01:22:09 Mr. Ames
01:22:18 Donna Rise, Pest Management Bureau Chief, Department of
Agriculture
01:22:53 Rep. French
01:23:08 Ms. Rise
01:23:33 Rep. French
01:23:50 Ms. Rise
01:24:25 Rep. Wagner
01:25:04 Mr. Ames
01:26:07 Rep. Wagner
01:26:20 Mr. Ames
01:26:38 Rep. MacDonald
01:26:57 Mr. Ames
01:27:33 Chairman Jopek
01:27:36 Rep. Bean
01:27:51 Chairman Jopek
01:28:06 Rep. Hoven
01:28:34 Mr. Ames
01:30:20 Rep. Hoven
01:30:43 Mr. Ames
01:31:05 Rep. Warburton
01:31:17 Mr. Ames
01:32:17 Rep. MacDonald
01:32:22 Mr. Ames
01:32:27 Chairman Jopek
01:32:34 Ms. Rise
01:33:11 Rep. MacDonald
01:33:41 Ms. Rise
01:34:54 Rep. MacDonald
01:35:59 Ms. Rise
01:37:27 Rep. Belcourt
01:37:45 Mr. Ames
01:38:34 Rep. Belcourt
01:39:09 Mr. Ames
01:39:15 Rep. Belcourt
01:39:31 Ms. Rise
01:39:53 Rep. Belcourt
01:40:24 Ms. Rise
01:41:09 Rep. Dickenson
01:41:29 Mr. Ames
01:41:43 Rep. Dickenson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:57 Rep. Grinde
01:44:04 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON HB 368

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:13 Rep. John Fleming (D), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB
368, Allow partial list of fees on grain placard --
warehouse Ops & commodity dealers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:16 Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Montana Department of
Agriculture
01:48:27 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:20 Rep. Regier
01:49:55 Mr. Clairmont
01:50:31 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:42 Rep. Fleming
01:50:46 Chairman Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

01:51:05 Adjournment: 4:51 p.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([agh21aad.pdf](#))