

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on April 9, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Boulanger (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Elizabeth Whiting, 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 574, 4/3/2013; HB 630, 4/3/2013

HEARING ON HB 630

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:28 Rep. Kathleen Williams (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 630, Establish the Montana food policy modernization project.

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:07 Linda Stoll, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a02\)](#)

00:20:03 Kristen Lee-Charlson, Sustainable Business Council

00:21:26 Stephanie Laporte Potts, Grow Montana (GM)

00:25:33 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:26:17 Chris Hettinger, self

00:27:06 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers (MMP)

00:28:08 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

00:28:37 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Association (MVA)

00:29:13 Clayton Elliott, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

00:29:53 Wally Congeon, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:36:49 Christian Mackay, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

00:37:33 Tracy Brennan, Constitution Movement of America (CMA)

00:38:31 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:36 Chairman Brown

00:39:54 Rep. Williams

00:40:34 Sen. Malek

00:44:06 Cort Jensen, AGR

00:44:55 Sen. Malek

00:45:36 Rep. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:58 Rep. Williams

HEARING ON HB 574

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:51 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 574, Establish "small herd exemption" to certain laws related to the sale of milk.

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:51:52 Chris Rosenau, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a04\)](#)

00:56:51 Riley Sabo, self

00:58:03 Jenny Sabo, self

01:01:34 Chris Hettinger, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a05\)](#)

01:03:46 Sherry Foth, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a06\)](#)

01:07:20 Rebekah Mocerino, self

01:09:16 Katie Foth, self

01:10:04 Don Hettinger, self

01:11:59 Barb Halver, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a07\)](#)

01:16:59 Tracy Brennan, Constitution Movement of America (CMA)

01:19:42 Jennifer Holmes, self

01:23:15 David Max, self

01:24:14 Kristen Lee-Charlson, Montana Alliance for Raw Milk (MARM)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a08\)](#)

01:25:46 Wally Congeon, self

01:28:44 Rep. Daniel Salomon (R), HD 12

01:29:12 Sheree Tompkins, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:26 Linda Stoll, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

01:33:27 Jerry Weissman, Montana Milk Board (MMB)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a10\)](#)

01:40:39 Jim Carlson, Director of Environmental Health, Missoula (MEH)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a11\)](#)

01:49:26 Laura Ginsburg, self

01:53:25 Jeanne Rankin, Veterinarian

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a12\)](#)

01:58:30 Mark Meyer, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a13\)](#)

02:01:53 Tim Huls, Huls Dairy

02:04:42 Jeff Lewis, self

02:05:38 Tim Read, Mineral County Sanitarian

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a14\)](#)

02:07:45 Antone Mickelson, Northwest Dairy Association, Washington

02:12:19 Ed Waldner, Chester, Montana

02:13:58 Christian Mackay, Montana Board of Livestock (DOL)

02:17:45 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

02:18:12 Lark Smothermon, self

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a15\)](#)

02:19:41 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a16\)](#)

02:20:11 Earl Wortman, Darigold Field Manager, Montana

02:22:43 Ruben Wurz, Big Stone Colony

02:23:11 Ike Wurz, self

02:23:47 Andrew Wypf, Big Sky Colony

02:24:26 Mike Hofer, Glendale Colony

02:24:42 Walter Wypf, Martinsdale Colony

02:25:04 Fred Wypf, Martinsdale Colony

Informational Testimony:

02:25:53 Dr. Martin Zauski, State Veterinarian, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

02:25:57 Sen. Boulanger entered the hearing.

02:26:37 Denise Rollick, Montana Alliance for Raw Milk (MTARM)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a17\)](#)

02:31:09 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

02:31:42 Sheree Tompkins, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:32:41 Sen. Malek

02:36:36 Rep. Salomon

02:38:00 Sen. Malek

02:38:27 Kristen Lee-Charlson, MARM

02:41:13 Chairman Brown

02:41:33 Kristen Lee-Charlson

02:42:44 Sen. Murphy

02:43:26 Dr. Zaluski, DOL

02:44:33 Sen. Murphy

02:44:46 Dr. Zaluski
02:45:17 Chairman Brown
02:45:36 Jenny Sabo, self
02:46:42 Chairman Brown
02:46:49 Jenny Sabo
02:47:01 Chairman Brown
02:47:31 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:49:10 Rep Edmunds
02:49:39 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
02:50:51 Christian Mackay, DOL
02:51:33 Sen. Moore
02:52:56 Dr. Zaluski
02:53:14 Sen. Moore
02:54:02 Jeff Lewis, self
02:54:51 Chairman Brown
02:56:13 Jeff Lewis
02:56:49 Sen. Boulanger
02:57:29 Jeff Lewis
02:58:01 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

02:58:41 Rep. Edmunds

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:54 pm

Elizabeth Whiting, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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