

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, 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 109, 12/31/2014

00:00:37 Chairman Redfield
00:00:55 Rep. Clark
00:01:11 Rep. Berglee
00:01:27 Rep. MacDonald
00:02:03 Rep. Curdy
00:02:56 Rep. Harris
00:03:25 Rep. Hertz
00:03:49 Rep. Karjala
00:04:32 Rep. Lang
00:05:06 Rep. Manzella
00:05:47 Rep. McKamey
00:06:33 Rep. Monforton
00:07:13 Rep. Mortensen
00:07:55 Rep. Olsen
00:08:54 Rep. Olszewski
00:09:41 Rep. Pease-Lopez
00:10:32 Rep. Perry
00:10:59 Rep. Pierson
00:11:26 Rep. Salomon
00:11:50 Rep. Staffanson
00:12:56 Rep. Webber
00:13:33 Rep. Williams

00:14:23 Chairman Redfield

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a05\)](#)

00:16:18 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a07\)](#)

00:17:35 Chairman Redfield

[EXHIBIT\(agh02a08\)](#)

00:18:59 Rep. Salomon

00:19:16 Rep. Clark

00:20:01 Rep. MacDonald

00:20:28 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:21:40 Rep. Clark

00:22:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **THE COMMITTEE ACCEPT WRITTEN PROXY VOTES**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:22:27 Chairman Redfield

00:22:46 Rep. Williams

00:23:45 **Motion:** Rep. Williams moved that **INFORMATIONAL WITNESSES BE ABLE TO PRESENT TESTIMONY**.

Discussion:

00:23:58 Rep. Lang
00:24:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote
00:25:43 Joe Kolman, LSD

00:28:18 **Motion:** Rep. Olszewski moved that **THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTS THE DRAFT RULES AS THE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES.**

Discussion:

00:28:48 Rep. Olsen
00:29:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote

HEARING ON HB 109**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:44 Rep. Daniel Salomon (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 109, Allow department of agriculture to provide plant sampling services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:42 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (Dept. of AG)
00:34:03 Charlie Bumgarner, Montana Grain Growers (MGG)
[EXHIBIT\(agh02a09\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(agh02a10\)](#)
00:42:01 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:42:38 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)
00:43:30 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:31 Rep. Curdy
00:44:57 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:02 Rep. Salomon

00:47:42 Meeting Recessed until Ron De Yong, Department of Agriculture arrives

00:53:46 Reconvened

00:54:02 Ron de Yong, Department of Agriculture (Dept. of AG)

EXHIBIT(agh02a11)

01:21:02 Rep. Pierson
01:21:16 Ron De Yong, Department of Agriculture (Dept. of AG)

ADJOURNMENT

01:21:52 Adjournment:

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh02aad.pdf](#))