

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on January 8, 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. 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. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
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:

Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 91, 12/31/2014; HB 105, 12/31/2014; HB 108, 12/31/2014

[EXHIBIT\(agh04a01\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(agh04a02\)](#)

00:01:57 Chairman Redfield left the Meeting

00:02:18 Acting Chair Clark

HEARING ON HB 108**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:20 Rep. Daniel Salomon (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 108, Revise noxious weed budget laws.

00:02:26 Rep. McKamey enters

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:10 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture, (Dept. of AG)

00:04:45 Libbi Lovshin, Department of Agriculture, (Dept. of AG)

00:06:36 Rep. MacDonald enters

00:11:31 Rep. Pease-Lopez enters

00:12:10 Shane Morigeau, Salish Kootenai Tribes, (CSKT)

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00:13:25 Gary Olsen, Wheatland County Farmer/Rancher, Self

00:18:38 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union, (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:19:22 John Moodry, Butte-Silver Bow, (BSB)

00:22:07 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau, (MFB)

00:24:22 Rep. Salomon

00:24:41 Maureen Connor, Montana Weed Control Association, (MWCA)

Informational Testimony:

00:26:14 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:11 Rep. Hertz

00:27:22 Libbi Lovishen, Dept. of AG

00:28:49 Rep. Williams

00:29:03 Libbi Lovishen, Dept. of AG

00:32:28 Rep. Hertz

00:32:39 Libbi Lovishen, Dept. of AG

00:33:33 Rep. Mckamey

00:34:01 Libbi Lovishen, Dept. of AG

00:34:34 Rep. Lang

00:35:11 Libby Lovishen, Dept. of AG

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:16 Rep. Salomon

HEARING ON HB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:46 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 105, Authorize Ag Department to provide and set fees for analytical lab services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:13 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture, (Dept. of AG)

00:43:42 Jacob Cowgill, (MFU)

00:44:01 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association, (MGGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:41 Rep. Williams

00:44:53 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:44 Rep. Woods

HEARING ON HB 91

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:25 Rep. Christy Clark (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 91, Standardize per diem for all agricultural boards and committees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:20 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: none

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: none

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:03 Rep. Clark Closes

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 109

00:49:38 Rep. Salomon

00:50:46 **Motion:** Rep. Salomon moved that **HB 109 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:52:10 Rep. Pierson

00:52:21 Joe Kolman, LSD

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00:53:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:54:03 Rep. Salomon

00:54:16 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:55:02 Rep. Lang

00:56:17 Rep. Williams

00:56:39 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:57:22 Rep. Staffanson

00:57:36 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:59:18 Rep. Lang

01:00:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 109 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Olszewski voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

01:02:23

Adjournment:

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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