

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on January 27, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
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. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

**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 179, 1/13/2015  
Executive Action: HB 145

**EXHIBIT(agh18a01)****EXHIBIT(agh18a02)**

00:01:06 Rep. Clark entered

**HEARING ON HB 179****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:47 Rep. Theresa Manzella (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 179, Revise farm animal and research facility protection laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:52 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, (MSPOA)

00:11:34 Rep. Garner, HD 7, Self

**EXHIBIT(agh18a03)**

00:14:27 Rep. McKamey, HD 23, Self

00:20:03 Margaret Duezabou, Self

00:23:25 Rep. Berglee, HD 58, Self

00:25:03 Ron Stoltz, Self

00:27:25 Philip Tummarello, Self

00:31:23 Carroll Johns, Self

00:40:50 Jay Meyer, Ravalli County Right to Farm and Ranch Board

00:42:13 Dr. Linda Kauffman, Self

00:50:22 Brian Rouse, Ravalli County Right to Farm and Ranch

00:51:32 Julie Shram, Self

00:53:07 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association, (MSGA)

00:55:12 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, (MFBF)

00:56:12 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:57:08 Robin Childers, Humane Society of Western Montana and Self, (HSWM)

**EXHIBIT(agh18a04)**

01:02:17 Gina Wiest, Lewis and Clark Humane Society, (LCHS)

01:07:53 Nannette Gilbertson, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, (ASPCA)

01:11:12 Marta Pierpoint, Humane Society of Western Montana and Self, (HSWM)

**EXHIBIT(agh18a05)**

01:16:41 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County

**Informational Testimony:**

01:20:26 Christian Mackay, Department of Livestock, (MDOL)

**EXHIBIT(agh18a06)****EXHIBIT(agh18a07)****Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:22:04 Rep. Olsen

01:23:25 Rep. Manzella

01:24:16 Rep. Olsen

01:24:53 Rep. Manzella

01:25:38 Rep. MacDonald

01:26:13 Jim Smith, MSPOA

01:26:35 Rep. MacDonald  
01:27:05 Gina Wiest, LCHS  
01:27:12 Rep. MacDonald  
01:27:23 Gina Wiest, LCHS  
01:27:35 Rep. MacDonald  
01:27:59 Gina Wiest, LCHS  
01:28:38 Rep. Harris  
01:29:23 Rep. Manzella  
01:29:29 Rep. Monforton  
01:30:03 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County  
01:30:24 Rep. Monforton  
01:30:57 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County  
01:31:41 Rep. Monforton  
01:31:54 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County  
01:32:21 Rep. Monforton  
01:32:40 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County  
01:32:57 Rep. MacDonald  
01:33:41 Gary Spaeth, Jefferson County  
01:34:07 Rep. Olsen  
01:35:05 Carroll Johns, Self  
01:38:20 Rep. Olsen  
01:38:27 Rep. Williams  
01:40:03 Gina Wiest, LCHS  
01:41:13 Rep. Williams  
01:41:39 Gina Wiest, LCHS  
01:41:49 Rep. Williams  
01:42:06 Rep. Staffanson  
01:43:59 Philip Tummarello, Self  
01:46:07 Rep. Curdy  
01:47:01 Rep. Manzella  
01:48:05 Rep. Curdy  
01:48:37 Rep. Manzella  
**EXHIBIT(agh18a08)**  
01:49:04 Rep. MacDonald  
01:49:58 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
01:50:16 Rep. MacDonald  
01:50:55 Christian Mackay, MDOL  
01:51:37 Rep. MacDonald  
01:51:44 Christian Mackay, MDOL

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:52:03 Rep. Manzella

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 145**

01:53:57     **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 145 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:54:14     Rep. Williams

01:54:31     Rep. Olszewski

01:55:02     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hertz, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Salomon were excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:55:31

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh18aad.pdf](#))**