

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on January 15, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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: SB 31, 1/12/2015; SB 62, 1/12/2015

Executive Action: SB 19 - Do Pass
SB 108 - Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 31

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:50 Sen. Lea Whitford (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SB 31, Exempt raw honey from requiring a license for farmers' market sales.

[EXHIBIT\(ags09a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:27 Brian Rogers, resident of Cascade County

00:07:19 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and Food Advisory Council (FAC)

[EXHIBIT\(ags09a02\)](#)

00:09:01 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

00:10:11 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

00:10:50 Linda Stoll, Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:51 Sen. Pomnichowski

00:12:42 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS/FAC

00:13:14 Sen. Hansen

00:13:20 Mr. Jensen, AGR

00:14:10 Sen. Hansen

00:14:47 Mr. Cowgill, MFU

00:15:07 Sen. Hansen

00:15:30 Sen. Whitford

00:15:57 Chairman Brown

00:16:44 Sen. Whitford

00:17:20 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:27 Sen. Whitford

00:18:00 Sen. Hoven assumed role as chair.

HEARING ON SB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:44 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 62, Revise the reporting dates for per capita livestock fees.

[EXHIBIT\(ags09a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags09a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:32 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)
00:27:23 Errol Rice, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
00:28:20 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:29:04 Maggie Nutter, Marias River Livestock Association (MRLA)
00:29:47 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:30:03 Bob Story, representing self
00:32:53 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:34:53 Christian Mackay, executive officer, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:51 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:37:25 Mr. Blattie, MACo
00:37:49 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:38:33 Chairman Brown
00:38:54 Ms. Monteau Moore, DOR
00:40:00 Sen. Pomnichowski
00:40:46 Ms. Monteau Moore
00:41:09 Sen. Moore
00:42:09 Mr. Mackay, DOL
00:43:17 Sen. Moore
00:43:47 Mr. Mackay
00:44:16 Sen. Howard
00:44:39 Sen. Brown
00:45:01 Ms. Monteau Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:53 Sen. Brown

00:47:05 Sen. Brown resumed the role as chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19

00:47:48 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SB 19 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:48:21 Sen. Howard

00:48:49 Sen. Moore

00:49:17 Chairman Brown

00:49:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108

00:50:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. F. Moore moved that **SB 108 DO PASS.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Caferro was excused.

Committee Business:

00:51:20 Sen. Swandal

00:52:24 Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:55 pm

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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