

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Ray L. Shaw, on January 17, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wylie Galt (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Molly Murray, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, 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: HB 51, 1/17/2019; HB 77, 1/17/2019

15:00:18 Chair Shaw

HEARING ON HB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:38 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 51, Repeal the Montana-certified natural beef cattle marketing program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:01:41 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

15:04:42 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:05:36 Vice Chair Olsen

15:06:09 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:06:36 Vice Chair Olsen

15:07:03 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:08:19 Vice Chair Olsen

15:08:31 Marty Earnheart, MDA

15:08:41 Vice Chair Olsen

15:09:13 Ms. Earnhart, MDA

15:10:03 Rep. McKamey

15:10:20 Ms. Earnhart, MDA

15:11:04 Rep. McKamey

15:11:29 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:12:41 Rep. McKamey

15:13:21 Mr. Jensen, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:14:45 Rep. Bachmeier

HEARING ON HB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:15:58 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 77, Allow Department of Agriculture to handle donations for farm, ranch disasters.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:17:15 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:20:26 Ms. Palmer, MFU

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:22 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
15:22:20 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:23:13 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
15:23:22 Rep. McKamey
15:23:43 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:24:07 Rep. Beard
15:24:28 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:25:26 Chair Shaw

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:49 Rep. Redfield

Discussion

15:27:30 Chair Shaw
15:28:03 Rep. McKamey
15:28:52 Chair Shaw
15:28:59 Vice Chair Olsen
15:29:30 Chair Shaw
15:29:40 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:29:49 Rep. Sullivan
15:30:24 Mr. Jensen, MDA

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15:30:52 Chair Shaw

15:31:01 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 77 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:31:16 Rep. Dooling
15:31:38 Rep. Redfield

15:32:13 Without objection, Rep. C. Knudsen withdrew his DO PASS motion.

Discussion

15:32:21 Chair Shaw
15:32:27 Rep. Redfield
15:32:41 Rep. Bachmeier
15:33:12 Chair Shaw
15:33:18 Rep. Curdy
15:33:25 Rep. Dooling
15:33:45 Chair Shaw
15:34:05 Rep. Curdy
15:37:26 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:38:09 Chair Shaw
15:38:42 Rep. Redfield
15:40:03 Rep. Curdy
15:40:25 Rep. Redfield
15:41:14 Chair Shaw
15:42:01 Rep. Keogh

15:42:51 Chair Shaw
15:43:52 Rep. Keogh
15:44:10 Rep. McKamey
15:44:49 Chair Shaw

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:45:21

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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