

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Ray L. Shaw, on January 22, 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. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
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. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
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 50, 1/22/2019; HB 76, 1/22/2019; HB 151, 1/22/2019

15:00:50 Chair Shaw

HEARING ON HB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:41 Rep. Joel Krautter (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 50, Provide civil penalty for violations of agricultural commodity laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:34 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

[EXHIBIT\(agh12a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh12a02\)](#)

15:16:10 John Semple, Montana Grain Grower's Association (MGGA)

15:16:44 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:17:46 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:00 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

15:19:56 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:20:37 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

15:20:44 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:20:47 Vice Chair C. Knudsen

15:21:01 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:22:23 Chair Shaw

15:22:26 Rep. Bishop

15:23:02 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:24:27 Rep. McKamey

15:24:56 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:26:54 Chair Shaw

15:27:55 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:31:24 Chair Shaw

15:31:54 Mr. Jensen, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:32:52 Rep. Krautter

HEARING ON HB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:33:34 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 76, Expand alternate dispute resolution services of the Department of Agriculture.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:00 Christy Clark, MDA

[EXHIBIT\(agh12a03\)](#)

15:37:59 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:38:59 Ms. Stavick, MFBF

15:39:28 Ms. Palmer, MFU

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:32 Rep. Curdy
15:41:07 Ms. Clark, MDA
15:41:47 Rep. Beard

15:41:52 Rep. Dooling entered the meeting.

15:42:15 Ms. Clark, MDA
15:43:25 Rep. Keogh
15:43:47 Ms. Clark, MDA
15:44:49 Rep. Keogh
15:44:55 Ms. Clark, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:46:24 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 151**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:51:56 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 151, Increase maximum annual assessment on wheat and barley.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:39 Lyle Benjamin, President, MGGA
16:00:11 Ms. Stavick, MFBF
16:00:27 Ms. Palmer, MFU
16:01:20 Mr. Jensen, MDA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:44 Rep. McKamey
16:03:16 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:03:51 Rep. McKamey
16:04:22 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:06:11 Rep. Keogh
16:06:47 Mr. Benjamin, MGGA
16:07:07 Rep. Keogh
16:07:22 Mr. Benjamin, MGGA
16:08:01 Rep. Keogh
16:08:17 Mr. Benjamin, MGGA
16:08:45 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
16:09:14 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:09:19 Vice Chair C. Knudsen
16:09:32 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:11:11 Chair Shaw
16:11:26 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:12:08 Chair Shaw

Closing by Sponsor:

16:12:34 Rep. Fitzgerald
16:13:32 Chair Shaw

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:13:47

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh12aad.pdf](#))