

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Ray L. Shaw, on January 24, 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. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Molly Murray, Committee Clerk
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 221, 1/22/2019; HB 227, 1/22/2019
Executive Action: HB 50, HB 51, HB 102, HB 151

15:00:00 Chair Shaw
15:01:32 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:57 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise pesticide applicator laws.

Informational Testimony:

15:05:05 Mark Nechodom, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:05:51 Vice Chair Olsen
15:06:27 Mr. Nechodom, MDA
15:08:53 Vice Chair Olsen
15:09:17 Mr. Nechodom, MDA
15:10:23 Rep. Keogh
15:10:52 Mr. Nechodom, MDA
15:11:05 Rep. Keogh

Closing by Sponsor:

15:11:27 Rep. Anderson

15:11:55 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 227

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:12:15 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 227, Remove restrictions on possession of certain animals as pets

[**EXHIBIT\(agh14a01\)**](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:15:22 Chuck Denowh, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

[**EXHIBIT\(agh14a02\)**](#)

15:16:21 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[**EXHIBIT\(agh14a03\)**](#)

15:19:36 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

[**EXHIBIT\(agh14a04\)**](#)

[**EXHIBIT\(agh14a05\)**](#)

15:23:46 Tahnee Szymanski, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:25:40 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen
15:26:10 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:26:28 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

15:26:37 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:26:51 Rep. Redfield
15:27:08 Rep. Mandeville
15:27:42 Rep. Redfield
15:27:48 Rep. Mandeville
15:28:01 Rep. Redfield
15:28:15 Rep. Bishop
15:29:13 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:31:28 Rep. Bishop
15:31:43 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:32:41 Rep. Bishop
15:32:49 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:33:17 Rep. Mortensen
15:33:35 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:33:58 Rep. Mortensen
15:34:13 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:34:47 Rep. Mortensen
15:35:43 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:36:21 Rep. Bachmeier
15:37:09 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL
15:37:16 Rep. Bachmeier
15:37:24 Dr. Szymanski, MDOL

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:40 Rep. Mandeville

EXHIBIT(agh14a06)

15:40:10 Recessed

16:00:54 Reconvened with Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Curdy present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 50

16:01:29 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 50 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:01:49 Rep. Redfield

16:02:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

Discussion

16:02:20 Chair Shaw

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 51

16:02:30 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 51 DO PASS.**

Discussion

16:02:46 Vice Chair Olsen
16:04:29 Rep. Redfield
16:05:47 Rep. Bachmeier
16:07:21 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen
16:08:01 Chair Shaw
16:09:00 Rep Redfield

16:09:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 102

16:10:43 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 102 DO PASS.**

Discussion

16:10:55 Rep. Redfield

16:11:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 151

16:11:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 151 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. McKamey voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:12:10

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh14aad.pdf](#))