

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Ray L. Shaw, on January 29, 2019 at 3:330 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
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. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Casey Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (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 112, 1/22/2019; HB 132, 1/22/2019; HB 142, 1/22/2019

15:30:35 Chair Shaw

HEARING ON HB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:32:16 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 112, Revise importation requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:33:43 Tahnee Szymanski, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)
15:39:27 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana Association of State Grazing Districts
15:40:31 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:41:08 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
15:42:00 Will Gravely, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:42:38 Grant Stafne, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (Fort Peck Tribes)
15:47:45 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
15:48:29 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Counsel (ITBC)
15:53:32 Majel Russell, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (Fort Peck Tribes)
15:55:00 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
15:56:25 Dan Wenner, InterTribal Buffalo Counsel (ITBC)

EXHIBIT(agh17a01)

15:58:08 Rep. Bridget Smith
15:59:05 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:59:52 Vice Chair Olsen
16:00:38 Ms. Russell, Fort Peck Tribes, ITBC
16:01:27 Vice Chair Olsen
16:01:44 Ms. Russell, Fort Peck Tribes, ITBC
16:01:51 Rep. Curdy
16:02:29 Dr. Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)
16:03:06 Rep. Curdy
16:03:26 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL
16:04:23 Rep. Curdy
16:05:06 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL
16:05:17 Chair Shaw
16:05:34 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL
16:07:57 Chair Shaw
16:08:16 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL
16:08:34 Vice Chair Olsen
16:09:12 Rep. Redfield
16:09:26 Dr. Szymanski, MDA
16:11:14 Rep. McKamey
16:11:48 Rep. Redfield

16:13:32 Chair Shaw

Closing by Sponsor:

16:14:00 Rep. Redfield

Discussion

16:14:38 Chair Shaw

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:15:29 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 142, Revise county weed laws.

EXHIBIT(agh17a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:18:06 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
16:19:10 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
16:21:31 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
16:22:33 Rep. Bridget Smith
16:22:57 Pam Converse, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
16:25:28 Jill Allen, Jefferson County Weed District
16:25:56 Clayton Elliott, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:26:53 Rep. Redfield
16:27:32 Ms. Seaman, Montana Audubon
16:28:01 Ms. Converse, MWCA
16:28:41 Rep. Redfield
16:28:50 Ms. Converse, MWCA
16:29:28 Rep. Keogh
16:30:15 Ms. Converse, MWCA
16:30:57 Rep. McKamey
16:31:35 Ms. Converse, MWCA
16:33:26 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

16:33:44 Rep. Kassmier

Discussion

16:34:17 Chair Shaw

16:34:29 Recessed.

16:49:47 Reconvened.

HEARING ON HB 132**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:50:35 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 132, Clarify definition of bison.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:53:01 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(agh17a03)

16:54:52 Jerry Collins, Garfield County

16:57:30 Richard Dunbar, Phillips County

16:58:00 Brian Quigley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGA)

16:58:23 Paul Tweeten, Valley County

17:00:55 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

17:01:53 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

17:04:34 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

17:05:15 Rep. Stewart Peregoy, American Indian Caucus

17:07:22 Rep. Windy Boy

17:12:13 Majel Russell, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (Fort Peck Tribes)

17:14:47 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

17:15:12 Ervin Carlson, Blackfoot Buffalo Program, InterTribal Buffalo Counsel (ITBC)

17:18:17 Grant Stafne, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes (Fort Peck Tribes)

17:20:50 Ms. Seaman, Montana Audubon

17:23:16 Rep. Bridget Smith

Informational Witness: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:24:32 Rep. Redfield

17:25:05 Mr. Carlson, Blackfoot Buffalo Program, ITBC

17:25:12 Rep. Redfield

17:25:16 Mr. Carlson, Blackfoot Buffalo Program, ITBC

17:25:31 Rep. Redfield

17:25:50 Mr. Carlson, Blackfoot Buffalo Program, ITBC

17:26:07 Rep. Redfield

17:26:13 Mr. Carlson, Blackfoot Buffalo Program, ITBC

17:26:22 Rep. Redfield

17:26:43 Mr. Carlson, Blackfoot Buffalo Program, ITBC

17:27:04 Rep. Curdy

17:27:47 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

17:28:09 Rep. Curdy

17:28:21 Ms. Russell, Fort Peck Tribes

17:29:09 Chair Shaw

17:29:32 Mr. Lamb, MWF

17:30:08 Chair Shaw

17:30:37 Mr. Lamb, MWF
17:33:10 Vice Chair Olsen
17:33:59 Mr. Rittal, MACo
17:34:46 Rep. Curdy
17:35:05 Mr. Rittal, MACo
17:35:24 Rep. McKamey
17:35:58 Ms. Russell, Fort Peck Tribes
17:36:08 Rep. Beard
17:36:45 Rep. Holmlund
17:36:52 Rep. Beard
17:37:20 Rep. Holmlund
17:37:34 Rep. Redfield

Closing by Sponsor:

17:38:01 Rep. Holmlund

Discussion

17:38:50 Chair Shaw

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:39:50

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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