

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Ray L. Shaw, on January 31, 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. 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. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Robyn Brown, 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 179, 1/24/2019

Executive Action Taken: HB 76, HB 77, HB 221, HB 227

15:02:43 Chair Shaw

### HEARING ON HB 179

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:18 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 179, Establish license and qualifications for veterinary technicians.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:28 Dr. Katie Rein, self

15:09:25 Eli Olind, Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association

15:13:06 Dr. Bruce Sorrenson, self

15:14:24 Alex Johnson, self

15:17:35 Rachel Roberts, self

15:19:33 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh19a01\)](#)

15:21:25 Dr. Tia Nelson, Board of Veterinary Medicine

15:23:27 Dr. Steve Watters, self

15:26:49 Dr. Jeannie Rankin, self

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh19a02\)](#)

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh19a03\)](#)

15:28:55 Dr. Jan Winderl, self

15:29:48 Nanette Gilbertson, Humane Society of Western Montana

#### Opponents' Testimony:

15:33:22 Andrew Forcier, self

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh19a04\)](#)

15:37:15 Cyndi Hamilton, self

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh19a05\)](#)

#### Informational Testimony:

15:44:31 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

15:46:26 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh19a06\)](#)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:50 Vice Chair Knudsen

15:47:51 Dr. Rein, self

15:50:23 Vice Chair Knudsen

15:52:27 Chair Shaw

15:53:05 Rep. McKamey

15:54:05 Dr. Rein, self

15:54:11 Rep. McKamey

15:54:31 Dr. Ryan, self

15:56:02 Rep. McKamey

15:56:21 Rep. Dooling

15:57:02 Dr. Watters, self

16:00:27 Rep. Mortensen  
16:00:56 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:01:21 Rep. Mortensen  
16:02:00 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:02:49 Rep. Bishop  
16:03:45 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:04:08 Rep. McKamey  
16:05:16 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:08:26 Rep. McKamey  
16:09:04 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:09:19 Rep. McKamey  
16:09:40 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:10:18 Rep. Keogh  
16:11:04 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:12:06 Rep. Keogh  
16:12:40 Judy Bovington, DLI  
16:13:00 Rep. Funk  
16:14:02 Chair Shaw

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:15:02 Rep. Redfield  
  
16:19:14 The Committee recessed.  
16:26:31 The Committee reconvened with Rep. Curdy excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 76**

16:26:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 76 DO PASS**. Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.  
  
16:28:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 76 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bachmeier voting no. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 77**

16:30:50 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 77 DO PASS**.  
**EXHIBIT(agh19a07)**  
  
16:31:10 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mortensen made a substitute motion that **HB 77 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 221**

16:33:02 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 221 DO PASS.**

16:33:30 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 221 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(agh19a08)**

**Discussion:**

16:33:51 Vice Chair Knudsen

16:34:03 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

16:34:30 Rep. Redfield

16:35:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

16:35:30 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 221 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:35:37 Vice Chair Olsen

16:36:50 Sonja Nowakowski, LFD

16:37:22 Vice Chair Olsen

16:37:29 Sonja Nowakowski, LFD

16:38:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 227**

16:38:09 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 227 DO PASS.**

16:38:20 Rep. Curdy rejoined the meeting.

16:38:38 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Olsen made a substitute motion that **HB 227 BE TABLED.**

16:39:06 Without objection, Rep. Olsen withdrew the BE TABLED motion.

16:39:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Galt, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Shaw voting aye. Rep. Beard and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

16:41:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 227 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Bachmeier voting no. Rep. Beard and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

16:41:48 Rep. Bachmeier

16:42:32 Chair Shaw

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:42:42

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Robyn Brown, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh19aad.pdf](#))**