

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Ray L. Shaw, on February 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

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. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (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 381, 2/5/2019; SB 56, 2/5/2019; SB 57, 2/5/2019; SB 91,  
2/5/2109  
Executive Action: HB 179; HB 327

15:02:58 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen assumed the Chair.

### **HEARING ON HB 381**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:46 Rep. David Dunn (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 381, Revise THC limit in industrial hemp.

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:08:05 Ben Thomas, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

15:10:11 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

15:11:33 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:12:29 Rep. Curdy

15:12:56 Mr. Thomas, MDA

15:13:05 Rep. Curdy

15:13:23 Mr. Thomas, MDA

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

15:14:20 Rep. Dunn

#### **Discussion:**

15:15:02 Vice Chair Olsen

15:15:08 Rep. Dooling

15:15:52 Rep. Bachmeier

15:16:11 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:16:40 Rep. Bachmeier

### **HEARING ON SB 56**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:17:20 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 56, Repeal meat and poultry inspection appeals process.

[EXHIBIT\(agh29a03\)](#)

15:21:50 Rep. Shaw entered the meeting.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:21:55 Dr. Martin Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:24:42 Sen. Ellis

**HEARING ON SB 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:25 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 57, Revise meat and poultry inspection laws in line with federal standards.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:27:35 Dr. Martin Zaluski, MDOL

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:29:37 Sen. Ellis

**Discussion:**

15:30:05 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:30:11 Recessed.

15:39:18 Reconvened.

**HEARING ON SB 91**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:43 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 91, Revise weight limit laws for fertilizer.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:41:05 Bruce Tutvedt, Self

15:44:13 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:44:55 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:46:26 Rep. McKamey

15:46:59 Mr. Bryson, MACo

15:47:42 Rep. McKamey

15:48:13 Mr. Tutvedt, Self

15:50:12 Rep. McKamey

15:50:44 Sen. Salomon

15:51:57 Rep. Olsen

15:53:17 Mr. Bryson, MACo  
15:54:03 Rep. Olsen  
15:54:47 Mr. Semple, MGGA  
15:55:21 Rep. Olsen  
15:55:35 Mr. Semple, MGGA  
15:56:10 Rep. Shaw  
15:56:52 Mr. Bryson, MACo  
15:57:22 Rep. Shaw  
15:57:51 Sen. Salomon  
15:59:29 Rep. Shaw  
15:59:50 Mr. Tutvedt, Self  
  
16:00:24 Rep. Bachmeier left the meeting.  
  
16:00:45 Rep. Sullivan  
16:01:47 Sen. Salomon

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:03:03 Sen. Salomon  
  
16:04:11 Recessed.  
16:37:25 Reconvened with Rep. Funk and Rep. Redfield present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179**

16:37:44 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 179 DO PASS.**  
  
16:38:05 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 179 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:38:45 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD  
**EXHIBIT**([agh29a04](#))

16:39:19 Chair Casey Knudsen  
16:40:43 Rep. Redfield  
16:41:21 Rep. Curdy  
16:41:31 Rep. Redfield  
16:41:35 Rep. Keogh  
16:42:47 Chair Casey Knudsen  
  
16:42:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.  
  
16:43:40 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 179 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:44:18 Rep. Mortensen  
16:45:53 Rep. Keogh  
16:46:18 Rep. Redfield  
16:46:29 Rep. Keogh

16:46:46 Rep. Redfield  
16:46:59 Rep. Curdy  
16:48:01 Rep. Anderson  
16:48:27 Rep. McKamey  
16:49:20 Rep. Keogh  
16:49:37 Chair Casey Knudsen  
16:49:44 Rep. Keogh  
16:49:59 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:50:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

16:51:39 Chair Casey Knudsen

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 327**

16:51:54 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 327 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:52:06 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:52:10 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 327 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:52:27 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

**EXHIBIT(agh29a05)**

16:54:00 Vice Chair Olsen  
16:54:15 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD  
15:54:25 Vice Chair Olsen  
15:54:35 Chair Casey Knudsen  
16:54:46 Vice Chair Olsen  
16:58:10 Chair Casey Knudsen  
16:58:14 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD  
16:59:01 Chair Casey Knudsen  
16:59:11 Vice Chair Olsen  
17:00:15 Chair Casey Knudsen  
17:00:26 Vice Chair Olsen  
17:01:30 Rep. Redfield

17:01:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

17:03:11 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HB 327 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:03:20 Vice Chair Olsen  
17:04:25 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:04:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

**Discussion**

17:05:16 Chair Casey Knudsen  
17:05:21 Rep. Dooling  
17:05:33 Rep. Redfield  
17:05:41 Chair Casey Knudsen  
17:05:44 Rep. Curdy  
17:05:51 Rep. Shaw  
17:06:13 Chair Casey Knudsen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:06:46

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Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh29aad.pdf](#))