

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Ray L. Shaw, on February 19, 2019 at 3:02:26 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. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (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 490, 2/19/2019; HB 516, 2/19/2019; HB 521, 2/19/2019

15:03:33 Chair Shaw

**HEARING ON HB 521**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:16 Rep. Sharon Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 521, Provide for personal consumption of raw milk.

**[EXHIBIT\(agh35a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:06:39 Chris Rosenau, Self

15:07:44 Frank White, Self

15:08:01 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFP Montana)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:08:41 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association

**[EXHIBIT\(agh35a02\)](#)**

15:13:45 Matt Kelley, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

15:14:28 Jeanne Rankin, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

**[EXHIBIT\(agh35a03\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:**

15:17:00 Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:18:06 Rep. Sharon Greef

15:20:07 Recessed.

15:21:13 Reconvened with Rep. Redfield.

**HEARING ON HB 516**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:21 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 516, Provide small herd exemption for raw milk producers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:24:49 Chris Rosenau, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(agh35a04\)](#)**

15:34:43 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFP Montana)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:35:46 Laurel Riek, Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA), Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

**EXHIBIT(agh35a05)**

15:42:15 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers

**EXHIBIT(agh35a06)**

15:52:43 Matt Kelley, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

**EXHIBIT(agh35a07)**

15:55:17 Lorelei Hallock, Self

15:57:09 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:57:53 Jeanne Rankin, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

15:58:20 Martin Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

15:58:41 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**EXHIBIT(agh35a08)**

**EXHIBIT(agh35a09)**

**EXHIBIT(agh35a10)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:59:55 Rep. Bishop

16:00:41 Ms. Riek, MEHA, AMPHO, MPHA

16:00:56 Mr. Kelley, AMPHO

16:02:03 Rep. Bishop

16:03:19 Vice Chair Olsen

16:04:23 Rep. Ballance

16:06:13 Rep. McKamey

16:06:46 Ms. Branscum, MMA

16:06:57 Rep. Curdy

16:07:41 Dr. Rankin, MVMA

16:08:40 Rep. Curdy

16:09:21 Dr. Rankin, MVMA

16:10:17 Rep. Curdy

16:10:28 Dr. Rankin, MVMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:11:42 Rep. Ballance

16:16:25 Chair Shaw

16:16:40 Recessed.

16:30:43 Reconvened.

**HEARING ON HB 490****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:30:56 Rep. Walt Sales (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 490, Provide for raw milk sales for human consumption.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:35:15 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a14\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a15\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a17\)](#)

16:40:23 Lorelei Hallock, Self

16:48:32 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:49:01 Matt Kelley, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

16:54:04 Laurel Riek, Montana Environmental Health Association (MEHA), Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO), Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)

16:56:11 Chris Rosenau, Self

17:02:31 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a18\)](#)

17:04:51 Jeanne Rankin, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a19\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a20\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh35a21\)](#)

17:07:57 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

17:10:19 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFP Montana)

**Informational Testimony:**

17:11:02 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

17:11:40 Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:12:13 Rep. Redfield

17:12:33 Ms. Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association

17:13:30 Rep. Redfield

17:13:48 Martin Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

17:14:54 Rep. Redfield

17:15:08 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL

17:15:13 Chair Shaw

17:15:33 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL

17:16:50 Vice Chair Olsen

17:17:34 Ms. Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association  
17:18:00 Vice Chair Olsen  
17:18:27 Ms. Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association  
17:19:03 Vice Chair Olsen  
17:19:10 Rep. McKamey  
17:19:54 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL  
17:20:04 Rep. McKamey  
17:20:51 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL  
17:22:19 Rep. McKamey  
17:22:42 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL  
17:23:41 Rep. McKamey  
17:23:49 Dr. Zaluski, MDOL  
17:24:10 Vice Chair Olsen  
17:25:10 Rep. Sales  
17:25:32 Vice Chair Olsen  
17:25:57 Rep. Sales  
17:26:36 Rep. Redfield  
17:26:56 Executive Officer Honeycutt, MDOL  
17:27:16 Mr. Smith, MTLA  
17:28:06 Rep. Redfield  
17:28:21 Mr. Smith, MTLA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:28:56 Rep. Sales

**Discussion**

17:31:16 Chair Shaw

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:32:19

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Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh35aad.pdf](#))