

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Vice Chair Casey Knudsen, on February 21, 2019 at 3:26:46 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen, Vice Chair (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. Alan Redfield (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 21, 2/19/2019; HB 520, 2/19/2019; HB 443, 2/19/2019
Executive Action: HB 520, HJ 21, HJ 07, HB 381, HB 332, HB 516, HB 521, HB 490

15:28:15 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 520

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:51 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 520, Revise funding for livestock loss board.

15:29:15 Rep. Anderson, Rep. Beard, Rep. Olsen, Rep. McKamey, and Rep. Sullivan entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:38 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

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15:34:20 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:34:36 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:36:23 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:36:52 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:37:32 Doreen Gillespie, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:38:14 Rep. McKamey

15:38:51 Chair Shaw

15:39:27 Rep. McKamey

15:40:02 Ms. Gillespie, MDOL

Closing by Sponsor:

15:40:25 Rep. Shaw

15:45:05 Chair Casey Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 443

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:45:27 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 443, Revise requirements for hobbyist apiaries.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:46:41 James Rehm, Smoot Honey Company, Montana State Beekeepers Association

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15:51:28 Cam Lay, Self

[**EXHIBIT\(agh37a03\)**](#)

15:54:46 Lonnie Larson, Yellowstone Valley Beekeepers
15:57:29 Wade Anderson, Bears Paw Apiaries
15:58:01 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
15:58:28 Gerry Pfirsch, Big Sky Beekeepers
15:59:41 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:02:26 Russell Lay, Self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:04:29 Rep. Bishop
16:05:54 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:06:28 Rep. Bishop
16:07:12 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:08:39 Rep. Curdy
16:09:06 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:10:21 Rep. McKamey
16:11:02 Mr. Jensen, MDA
16:11:30 Alyssa Piccolomini, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)
16:12:06 Rep. McKamey
16:12:25 Ms. Piccolomini, MDA
16:13:03 Rep. McKamey
16:13:32 Ms. Piccolomini, MDA
16:13:53 Rep. Redfield
16:14:13 Mr. Jensen, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:15:30 Rep. Fitzgerald

16:17:05 Recessed.

16:24:15 Reconvened.

HEARING ON HJ 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:24:44 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HJ 21, Joint resolution to Congress and the President on tariffs.

16:28:29 Rep. Bishop left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:32:46 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
16:33:27 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana Cattlewomen
16:34:33 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA), Montana Grain Elevator Association (MGEA), Montana Milk Producers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:36:20 Rep. Curdy

16:38:56 Recessed.

16:57:04 Reconvened with Rep. Bachmeier present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 520

16:58:14 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 520 DO PASS.**

16:58:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

Discussion

16:59:14 Rep. Funk

16:59:35 Chair Casey Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 21

17:00:42 **Motion:** Rep. Curdy moved that **HJ 21 DO PASS.**

Discussion

17:01:01 Rep. McKamey

17:01:36 Rep. Curdy

17:02:05 Rep. Redfield

17:02:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:04:17 **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Redfield moved that **HJ 21 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 7

17:04:49 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **HJ 7 BE TABLED.**

Discussion

17:05:09 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:05:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 381

17:06:22 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 381 DO PASS.**

Discussion

17:06:36 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:06:33 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:07:09 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 381 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion

17:07:30 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

17:08:05 Rep. Curdy

17:08:29 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:08:55 Rep. McKamey

17:09:21 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:09:35 Rep. Sullivan

17:10:09 Rep. McKamey

17:10:24 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:10:38 Chair Shaw

17:11:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. McKamey voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:11:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 381 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 14-3 by voice vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 332

17:13:35 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 332 DO PASS.**

Discussion

17:13:57 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

17:14:20 Rep. Bachmeier

17:15:53 Rep. Redfield

17:16:38 Rep. Curdy

17:17:16 Rep. Redfield

17:17:55 Chair Shaw

17:18:11 **Vote:** 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. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 516

17:20:26 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 516 DO PASS.**

Discussion

17:20:40 Rep. Redfield

17:21:45 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olsen made a substitute motion that **HJ 516 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 521

17:22:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 521 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 490

17:23:40 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 490 DO PASS**.

17:24:50 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **HB 490 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh37a05\)](#)

Discussion:

17:25:12 Vice Chair Olsen

17:26:15 Rep. Redfield

17:26:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:27:33 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 490 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

17:27:43 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 490 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh37a06\)](#)

Discussion

17:28:04 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

17:28:41 Rep. McKamey

17:28:59 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

17:29:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:29:54 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 490 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion

17:30:04 Vice Chair Olsen

17:31:49 Rep. Redfield

17:33:54 Chair Shaw

17:34:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

17:36:04 Vice Chair Olsen
17:36:20 Chair Casey Knudsen
17:36:26 Rep. Redfield
17:36:40 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
17:37:00 Chair Casey Knudsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:37:13

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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