

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Ray L. Shaw, on March 12, 2019 at 3:02:43 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (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. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 137, 3/12/2019
Executive Action: HB 443, HB 389, HB 431, SB 56, SB 57, SB 91, SB 137

15:02:59 Chair Shaw left the meeting. Vice Chair Casey Knudsen assumed the Chair.

Discussion:

15:03:45 Chair Casey Knudsen

HEARING ON SB 137

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:26 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 137, Revise laws related to agricultural use of special fuel.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:50 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:08:15 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA), Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

15:08:58 EJ Redding, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:09:41 Tracy Halubka, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:09 Rep. Dooling

15:10:34 Sen. Hinebauch

15:10:40 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:10:50 Sen. Hinebauch

Closing by Sponsor:

15:11:58 Sen. Hinebauch

Discussion:

15:12:01 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:12:40 Recessed.

15:45:55 Reconvened with Rep. Anderson and Rep. Curdy present, and Rep. Redfield excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 443

Discussion:

15:46:09 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:46:27 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:46:32 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 443 DO PASS.**

15:46:55 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 443 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

15:47:11 Rep. Dooling
15:47:30 Rep. Funk
15:47:48 Rep. Dooling
15:47:52 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:48:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy.

15:48:46 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 443 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:48:58 Rep. McKamey

15:50:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Galt, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Shaw voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 389

15:51:56 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 389 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:52:06 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
15:52:31 Chair Casey Knudsen
15:52:38 Rep. Curdy

15:52:45 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 389 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(agh50a02\)](#)

Discussion:

15:52:59 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
15:53:16 Rep. Funk
15:53:28 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:54:04 Rep. Shaw entered the meeting.

15:55:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy.

15:55:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 389 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 431

15:57:10 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 431 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:57:26 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

15:57:57 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:58:12 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 431 BE AMENDED.****EXHIBIT(agh50a03)****Discussion:**

15:58:35 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:59:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy.15:59:43 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 431 DO PASS AS AMENDED.****Discussion:**

15:59:55 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:00:11 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

16:00:29 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:00:37 **Motion:** Rep. Sullivan moved that **HB 431 BE AMENDED.****EXHIBIT(agh50a04)****Discussion:**

16:00:45 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:01:24 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Bishop moved **TO SEGREGATE ITEM 1 AND 2 IN HB043101.ajm.****Discussion:**

16:01:33 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

16:02:01 Without objection, Rep. Sullivan withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

16:02:09 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Bishop made a substitute motion **TO SEGREGATE ITEM 1 FROM HB043101.ajm AND TO AMEND HB 431 WITH ITEM 1.****Discussion:**

16:02:20 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:02:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy.16:03:35 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 431 DO PASS AS AMENDED.****Discussion:**

16:03:45 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:03:50 Rep. Keogh

16:04:11 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:04:17 Rep. McKamey

16:04:24 Rep. Curdy
16:05:11 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:05:15 Rep. Keogh
16:05:21 Rep. Curdy
16:05:50 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:06:48 Rep. Shaw
16:07:50 Rep. McKamey
16:09:09 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:09:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Beard, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Galt, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 56

16:11:16 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 56 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:11:28 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
16:12:03 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:12:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy. Rep. Curdy will carry the bill.

Discussion:

16:12:49 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
16:13:02 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:13:18 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
16:13:25 Rep. Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 57

16:14:00 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 57 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:14:15 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
16:14:35 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:14:38 Rep. Curdy
16:14:52 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:15:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy. Rep. Curdy will carry the bill.

Discussion:

16:15:40 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:15:47 Rep. Curdy
16:16:00 Chair Casey Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 91

16:16:17 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 91 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:16:40 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
16:16:54 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:17:06 Rep. Bishop
16:17:33 Rep. Shaw
16:19:35 Rep. McKamey
16:21:18 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:21:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Bishop and Rep. C. Knudsen voting no. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy. Rep. L. Jones will carry the bill.

Discussion:

16:23:25 Chair Casey Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 137

16:23:37 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 137 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:23:58 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

16:24:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt, Rep. Mortensen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy. Rep. Kassmier will carry the bill.

Discussion:

16:24:58 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:25:42 Rep. Shaw

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:26:57

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh50aad.pdf](#))