

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Casey Knudsen, on March 14, 2019 at 3:02:07 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. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (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: SB 133, 3/12/2019; SB 73, 3/12/2019; SB 67, 3/12/2019

15:03:14 Chair Casey Knudsen

HEARING ON SB 73

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:35 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 73, Revise agricultural commodity licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:03 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)
15:10:40 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:11:16 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
15:11:37 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:12:16 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Grain Elevators Association (MGEA), Montana Agricultural Business Association (MGBA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:02 Vice Chair Olsen
15:15:50 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:16:15 Vice Chair Olsen
15:16:34 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:17:24 Rep. Dooling
15:17:44 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:18:23 Rep. Bishop
15:18:40 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:19:07 Rep. Curdy

15:19:16 Rep. Redfield entered the meeting.

15:19:40 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:20:16 Rep. Curdy
15:20:30 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:21:39 Rep. McKamey
15:22:15 Mr. Jensen, MDA
15:22:40 Rep. McKamey
15:22:59 Mr. Jensen, MDA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:22 Sen. Hinebauch

HEARING ON SB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:25:05 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 67, Revise reference to deposit of aerial hunting permit fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:26:38 Evan Waters, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)
15:27:56 Kori Anderson, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana
Cattlemen
15:28:25 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:28:49 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
15:31:46 Dave McEwen, Self

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

15:33:13 Rep. McKamey
15:33:35 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:34:22 Rep. Beard
15:34:48 Sen. Gillespie
15:35:22 Rep. Keogh
15:35:51 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:36:16 Rep. Keogh
15:36:39 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:37:15 Rep. Curdy
15:37:46 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:38:07 Rep. Curdy
15:38:21 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:38:59 Rep. Redfield
15:39:04 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:39:09 Rep. Redfield
15:39:23 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:39:36 Rep. Redfield
15:40:14 Mr. Waters, MDOL
15:40:34 Rep. Dooling
15:41:00 Mr. Waters
15:41:05 Rep. Dooling
15:41:08 Mr. Waters
15:41:10 Rep. Dooling
15:41:23 Mr. Waters

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:53 Sen. Gillespie

HEARING ON SB 133**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:42:39 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 133, Revise eligibility for livestock loss payments.
15:44:57 Rep. Shaw entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:45:58 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 15:46:28 Kori Anderson, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), Montana
 Cattlewomen
 15:47:01 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:48:21 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
 15:53:51 Dave McEwen, Self

Informational Testimony:

15:55:15 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
 15:55:33 Evan Waters, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)
 15:55:48 Gordy Conn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:56:11 Rep. Redfield
 15:56:32 Mr. Conn, (DOR)
 15:57:11 Rep. McKamey
 15:58:11 Mr. Brown, MWGA
 15:58:24 Rep. McKamey
 15:58:46 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
 15:59:39 Rep. McKamey
 16:00:14 Mr. Waters, MDOL
 16:01:01 Rep. McKamey
 16:01:25 Mr. Waters, MDOL
 16:01:41 Rep. McKamey
 16:01:52 Mr. Waters, MDOL
 16:02:24 Rep. Curdy
 16:02:56 Mr. Waters, MDOL

 16:03:03 Rep. Funk left the meeting.

 16:03:19 Rep. Curdy
 16:03:35 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
 16:04:16 Rep. Beard
 16:05:01 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
 16:05:22 Rep. Beard
 16:05:44 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
 16:06:17 Vice Chair Olsen
 16:07:34 Mr. Brown, MWGA
 16:07:39 Vice Chair Olsen
 16:07:43 Mr. Brown, MWGA
 16:08:50 Vice Chair Olsen
 16:08:59 Chair Casey Knudsen
 16:09:29 Vice Chair Olsen
 16:10:04 Chair Casey Knudsen
 16:10:40 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
 16:11:11 Vice Chair Olsen
 16:11:47 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

16:12:03 Rep. McKamey
16:13:48 Mr. Waters, MDOL
16:14:09 Rep. McKamey
16:14:14 Mr. Waters, MDOL
16:14:30 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
16:14:57 Rep. McKamey
16:15:19 Mr. Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
16:15:41 Rep. McKamey
16:16:35 Vice Chair Olsen
16:17:18 Chair Knudsen
16:17:29 Vice Chair Olsen
16:17:38 Chair Knudsen
16:17:47 Vice Chair Olsen
16:17:56 Sen. Gillespie

Closing by Sponsor:

16:18:11 Sen. Gillespie

Discussion:

16:20:28 Chair Casey Knudsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:20:52

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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