

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Ray L. Shaw, on March 26, 2019 at 3:08:17 P.M., 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. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jacie Vonada, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 29, 3/26/2019; SB 51, 3/26/2019
Executive Action: HB 478, HB 528, HB 607, SB 67, SB 73, SB 133

15:08:17 Chair Shaw

HEARING ON HJ 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:09:38 Rep. Theresa Manzella (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HJ 29, Study of meat inspection laws.

EXHIBIT(agh62a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:56 David McCumber, Montana Standard
15:22:16 Bart Riley, Riley's Meats
15:35:33 John Truzzolino, Truzzolino Tamales
15:37:09 Travis Byerly, Summit Distribution, Montrail Bison

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:41:15 Rep. Beard
15:41:43 Mr. Riley, Riley's Meats
15:41:49 Rep. Beard
15:42:03 Mr. Riley, Riley's Meats
15:42:44 Rep. McKamey
15:43:14 Mr. Byerly, Summit Distribution, Montrail Bison
15:43:21 Rep. McKamey
15:43:28 Mr. Byerly, Summit Distribution, Montrail Bison
15:44:33 Rep. Bishop
15:46:02 Mr. Riley, Riley's Meats
15:46:29 Rep. Curdy
15:46:47 Mr. Riley, Riley's Meats
15:47:45 Rep. Curdy
15:47:55 Mr. Riley, Riley's Meats
15:48:18 Rep. Curdy
15:48:48 Rep. Redfield
15:49:17 Rep. Manzella
15:51:57 Rep. Redfield
15:52:16 Emily Kaleczyc, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)
15:52:32 Rep. Redfield
15:52:37 Dr. Kaleczyc, MDOL
15:53:28 Rep. Redfield
15:53:33 Dr. Kaleczyc, MDOL
15:53:55 Rep. Redfield
15:54:09 Dr. Kaleczyc, MDOL
15:54:34 Rep. Beard
15:55:15 Rep. Manzella
15:55:28 Rep. McKamey
15:56:02 Rep. Manzella

15:56:29 Rep. McKamey
15:57:10 Dr. Kaleczyc, MDOL

Closing by Sponsor:

15:58:01 Rep. Manzella

Discussion:

15:58:56 Chair Shaw

15:59:47 Recessed.

16:07:38 Reconvened with Rep. Galt present.

HEARING ON SB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:07:47 Sen. Dick Barrett (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 51, Revise highway definitions, terminology, and allocation process for consistency.

[EXHIBIT\(agh62a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh62a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh62a04\)](#)

16:12:26 Rep. Kassmeier entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:16:45 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:27:26 Jeremy Verhasselt, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

[EXHIBIT\(agh62a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:28:57 Rep. Sullivan

16:29:40 Ms. Zanto, MDT

16:29:46 Rep. Sullivan

16:30:00 Ms. Zanto, MDT

16:30:23 Rep. McKamey

16:30:49 Ms. Zanto, MDT

16:31:58 Chair Shaw

Closing by Sponsor:

16:32:18 Sen. Barrett

Discussion:

16:32:49 Chair Shaw

16:36:10 Recessed.

16:59:15 Reconvened with Rep. Galt excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 478

16:59:42 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 478 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:59:51 Rep. Redfield

17:06:37 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen made a substitute motion that **HB 478 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 67

17:08:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 67 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 13-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Funk and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Rep. Dooling will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73

17:10:13 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 73 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:10:30 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(agh62a06\)](#)

Discussion:

17:10:46 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:11:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:11:24 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 73 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

17:11:35 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(agh62a07\)](#)

Discussion:

17:11:39 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

17:12:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:12:24 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 73 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:12:30 Rep. McKamey

17:13:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Rep. Redfield will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 133

17:14:25 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 133 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:14:38 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
17:14:54 Vice Chair Olsen
17:16:46 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen
17:16:58 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD
17:17:14 Rep. Redfield
17:17:26 Vice Chair Olsen

17:18:05 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **SB 133 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh62a08)

17:18:30 Without objection, Rep. Olsen withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

17:18:38 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **SB 133 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh62a09)

Discussion:

17:19:10 Rep. McKamey
17:19:36 Vice Chair Olsen
17:20:29 Rep. McKamey

17:21:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:22:25 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 133 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh62a10)

Discussion:

17:22:36 Rep. McKamey

17:23:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:24:16 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 133 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:24:25 Vice Chair Olsen
17:26:10 Rep. Sullivan
17:26:35 Rep. Redfield

17:27:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Keogh and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Carried by Rep. Anderson.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 528

17:29:02 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 528 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

17:29:14 Rep. Curdy

17:29:49 Rep. McKamey

17:30:54 **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. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 607

17:32:10 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 607 DO PASS**.

17:32:24 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 607 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh62a11\)](#)

Discussion:

17:32:39 Rep. Bachmeier

17:33:39 Vice Chair Knudsen

17:34:39 Rep. Bachmeier

17:35:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-16 by roll call vote with Rep. McKamey voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

17:36:57 Rep. Bachmeier

17:37:12 **Motion:** Rep. Bachmeier moved that **HB 607 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh62a12\)](#)

Discussion:

17:37:31 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

17:38:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:39:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **HB 607 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard and Rep. C. Knudsen voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:40:36

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh62aad.pdf](#))