

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Casey Knudsen, on March 28, 2019 at 3:30:16 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. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jacie Vonada, 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: HJ 33, 3/28/2019; SJ 16, 3/28/2019
Executive Action: SB 176; SB 177; SB 51

15:30:16 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen assumed the Chair.

15:30:45 Rep. Funk entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SJ 16

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:32:11 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SJ 16, Resolution urging federal country of origin labeling legislation.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:33:06 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:33:59 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Association (MFBA)

15:34:45 Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

15:35:22 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:36:29 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (Northern Plains), Montana Cattlemen's Association (MCA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:38:05 Vice Chair Olsen

15:38:24 Rep. Sullivan entered the meeting.

15:38:33 Sen. Olszewski

15:38:58 Rep. Funk

15:39:19 Mr. Ferguson, Northern Plains

15:39:48 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:40:02 Mr. Ohs, MSGA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:40:36 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON HJ 33

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:42:06 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HJ 33, Interim study on market-sensitive crops and ag technologies.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:46:36 Jamie Ryan Lockman, Montana Organic Association (MOA)

15:48:11 Gary Iverson, Montana Gluten Free

15:54:58 Nate Powell-Palm, Self

15:57:15 Becky Weed, Montana Organic Association (MOA)

16:03:36 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (Northern Plains)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:05:49 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
16:07:03 Rep. Redfield entered the meeting.
16:09:22 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)
16:10:43 Rep. Shaw entered the meeting.
16:12:19 Lyle Benjamin, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)
16:19:42 Kathleen Teter, Yellowstone County Farm Bureau
16:21:35 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
16:22:16 Rhonda Hergenrider, Self

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

16:22:40 Rep. Redfield
16:23:21 Rep. Olsen
16:23:54 Rep. Redfield
16:24:15 Rep. Olsen
16:28:08 Rep. Curdy
16:29:27 Ms. Cargill, MFBF
16:31:53 Rep. McKamey
16:32:30 Rep. Olsen
16:33:49 Rep. McKamey
16:34:03 Rep. Olsen
16:34:37 Rep. Shaw
16:35:21 Rep. Olsen

Closing by Sponsor:

16:37:43 Rep. Olsen
16:40:51 Recessed.
16:51:15 Reconvened.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 176

16:51:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 176 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Rep. Redfield will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 177

16:53:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 177 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Rep. Redfield will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 51

16:54:03 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 51 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:54:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 51 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. Beard voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(agh64a01)

16:55:29 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 51 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:55:41 Vice Chair Olsen

16:56:00 Rep. Redfield

16:56:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Redfield and Rep. Shaw voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

16:57:33 Rep. Sullivan

16:58:01 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:58:26 Rep. Funk

16:59:16 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:59:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved **TO RECONSIDER THE ACTION ON SB 51 AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-0 by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen were excused.

Discussion:

16:59:59 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:00:05 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

17:00:12 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:00:26 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 51 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:00:57 Rep. Funk

17:01:08 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:01:16 Rep. Funk

17:01:33 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:02:02 Rep. Bachmeier

17:02:24 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:02:35 Rep. Beard

17:03:39 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:04:05 Rep. Redfield

17:04:20 Chair Casey Knudsen

17:04:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Shaw and Rep. Sullivan voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

17:06:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Shaw moved that **SB 51 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Galt and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy.

Committee Business

17:06:50 Rep. Bishop
17:07:35 Vice Chair Olsen
17:07:51 Chair Casey Knudsen
17:08:00 Rep. McKamey
17:08:30 Chair Casey Knudsen
17:08:53 Rep. Anderson
17:09:15 Chair Casey Knudsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:09:41

Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh64aad.pdf](#))