

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Casey Knudsen, on April 2, 2019 at 3:09:42 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. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ray L. Shaw, Chair (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (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 320, 3/26/2019
Executive Action: SJ 16, SB 51

15:09:32 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON SB 320

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:11:07 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 320, Clarify laws regarding cost of care for animals seized.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:14:55 Rep. Eric Moore

15:17:43 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(agh68a01)

15:18:30 Rep. Shaw entered the meeting.

15:20:11 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

15:26:52 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

15:27:11 Rebecca Meyers, Missoula County

15:29:00 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:29:40 Rep. Manzella

EXHIBIT(agh68a02)

15:35:23 Rep. Redfield entered the meeting.

15:35:30 Rep. Bachmeier left the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:18 Rep. McKamey

15:36:49 Sen. Salomon

15:36:58 Rep. McKamey

15:37:13 Sen. Salomon

15:37:53 Rep. McKamey

15:38:27 Sen. Salomon

15:39:13 Rep. Mortensen

15:40:02 Sen. Salomon

15:40:34 Rep. Mortensen

15:41:02 Ms. Jones, MCAA

15:44:16 Rep. Beard

15:44:43 Sen. Salomon

15:45:09 Rep. Funk left the meeting.

15:45:11 Rep. Beard

15:45:25 Sen. Salomon

15:45:32 Vice Chair Olsen

15:46:14 Ms. Jones, MCAA

15:48:49 Vice Chair Olsen
15:49:01 Ms. Jones, MCAA
15:50:27 Rep. Dooling
15:51:24 Ms. Jones, MCAA
15:52:42 Rep. McKamey

15:54:04 Rep. Redfield left the meeting.

15:54:30 Sen. Salomon
15:55:33 Chair Casey Knudsen
15:56:33 Ms. Jones, MCAA
15:58:53 Chair Casey Knudsen
15:59:14 Ms. Jones, MCAA
15:59:32 Chair Casey Knudsen
15:59:46 Ms. Jones, MCAA
16:00:05 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:00:32 Ms. Jones, MCAA
16:02:06 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:02:11 Rep. Bachmeier entered the meeting.

16:02:41 Ms. Jones, MCAA
16:02:56 Vice Chair Olsen
16:03:42 Ms. Jones, MCAA
16:04:43 Rep. Mortensen

16:04:49 Rep. Curdy entered the meeting.

16:05:35 Ms. Jones, MCAA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:27 Sen. Salomon

Committee Business

16:09:23 Chair Casey Knudsen
16:09:55 Rep. Shaw
16:10:34 Chair Casey Knudsen

16:11:00 Meeting recessed.
16:21:03 Meeting resumed. Rep. Shaw assumed the Chair.

16:21:15 Chair Shaw
16:21:51 Rep. Beard
16:23:05 Mike Tooley, Director, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

16:23:41 Rep. Funk entered the meeting.

16:23:52 Rep. Beard
16:24:14 Director Tooley, MDT

16:24:29 Rep. Beard
16:24:51 Director Tooley, MDT
16:25:04 Rep. Beard
16:25:48 Director Tooley, MDT
16:27:08 Rep. Beard
16:27:27 Director Tooley, MDT
16:27:36 Rep. Beard
16:28:10 Director Tooley, MDT
16:30:18 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen
16:30:55 Chair Shaw
16:31:00 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen
16:31:30 Director Tooley, MDT
16:33:14 Rep. McKamey
16:33:43 Director Tooley, MDT
16:34:18 Vice Chair Olsen
16:34:55 Director Tooley, MDT
16:37:46 Vice Chair Olsen
16:38:18 Director Tooley, MDT
16:38:25 Vice Chair Olsen
16:38:35 Director Tooley, MDT
16:39:49 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen
16:40:49 Director Tooley, MDT
16:42:33 Rep. McKamey
16:42:58 Director Tooley, MDT
16:43:04 Rep. McKamey
16:43:31 Director Tooley, MDT
16:43:55 Rep. McKamey
16:44:20 Director Tooley, MDT
16:45:40 Chair Shaw
16:47:13 Rep. Funk

16:47:45 Recessed.
17:00:31 Reconvened.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 16

17:00:51 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SJ 16 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:01:47 **Motion:** Rep. Curdy moved that **SJ 16 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(agh68a03)

Discussion:

17:02:07 Rep. Curdy

17:02:31 **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. Galt and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy.

17:03:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SJ 16 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Galt and Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy. Rep. Anderson will carry the bill.

Discussion:

17:05:08 Vice Chair Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 51

17:05:53 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION ON SB 51**.

Discussion:

17:05:54 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

17:06:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Keogh, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye. Rep. Galt and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy.

17:07:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bishop moved that **SB 51 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. Motion carried 8-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Beard, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Shaw voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Redfield were excused.

17:08:54 **Motion:** Rep. C. Knudsen moved that **SB 51 BE CONCURRED IN AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ON MARCH 28, 2019**.

Discussion:

17:09:05 Chair Shaw
 17:09:15 Vice Chair Olsen
 17:10:04 Rep. McKamey
 17:12:26 Vice Chair Olsen
 17:12:47 Rep. McKamey
 17:13:18 Vice Chair Olsen
 17:13:34 Chair Shaw
 17:13:39 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 17:14:36 Vice Chair Olsen
 17:14:59 Ns. Nowakowski, LSD
 17:15:37 Rep. Curdy
 17:18:02 Rep. McKamey
 17:18:39 Chair Shaw
 17:19:20 Rep. Beard

17:21:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Galt, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Mortensen voting no. Rep. Galt and Rep. Redfield voted by proxy. Rep. Curdy will carry the bill.

Discussion:

17:22:46 Chair Shaw

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:23:13

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh68aad.pdf](#))