

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Ray L. Shaw, on April 9, 2019 at 3:05:15 PM, 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. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 40, 4/2/19
Executive Action: HJ 29, HJ 33, HJ 40, SB 320

15:06:18 Chair Shaw
15:07:13 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HJ 40

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:37 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HJ 40, Study of weather modification.

[EXHIBIT\(agh74a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh74a02\)](#)

15:07:59 Rep. Curdy and Rep. McKamey entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:12:00 Jim Hagenbarth, Self

[EXHIBIT\(agh74a03\)](#)

15:17:22 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:19:27 Michael Downey, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:54 Rep. Redfield
15:20:23 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:25:39 Rep. Beard
15:26:13 Mr. Downey, Self
15:27:37 Rep. McKamey
15:28:18 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:29:11 Rep. McKamey
15:29:44 Mr. Downey, Self
15:30:56 Rep. McKamey
15:31:47 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:32:42 Rep. McKamey
15:32:48 Chair Casey Knudsen
15:33:09 Rep. Curdy
15:34:14 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:35:47 Vice Chair Olsen
15:36:22 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:36:54 Vice Chair Olsen
15:37:40 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:38:41 Vice Chair Olsen
15:38:57 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:39:25 Rep. Keogh
15:40:26 Rep. Shaw
15:41:15 Rep. Keogh
15:41:23 Rep. Shaw
15:41:42 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:42:14 Mr. Hagenbarth, Self
15:43:20 Chair Casey Knudsen
15:43:39 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

Closing by Sponsor:

15:44:06 Rep. Shaw

Discussion:

15:48:26 Chair Casey Knudsen

15:49:22 Recessed.

16:12:43 Reconvened. Rep. Shaw resumed the Chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 320

16:12:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **SB 320 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:13:10 Chair Shaw

16:13:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **SB 320 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT([agh74a04](#))

Discussion:

16:13:34 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

16:15:26 Rep. Curdy

16:15:36 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

16:16:14 Rep. McKamey

16:16:29 Vice Chair Olsen

16:18:01 **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. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop and Rep. Galt `voted by proxy.

16:19:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **SB 320 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:19:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **SB 320 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT([agh74a05](#))

Discussion:

16:19:45 Rep. Curdy

16:20:03 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

16:21:13 Vice Chair Olsen

16:22:02 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:22:20 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

16:22:51 **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. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

16:24:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **SB 320 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:24:13 Rep. Redfield

16:25:15 Rep. McKamey

16:26:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Beard, Rep. Galt, Rep. Kassmier, Vice Chair Casey Knudsen, Rep. Mortensen and Rep. Redfield voting no. Rep. Redfield will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 29

16:27:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **HJ 29 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:27:37 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

16:28:06 Rep. Sullivan

16:28:16 Rep. Redfield

16:28:53 Rep. Curdy

16:29:34 Chair Shaw

16:30:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Keogh voting no. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 40

16:31:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **HJ 40 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:32:08 Rep. Funk

16:32:26 Rep. Redfield

16:33:37 Rep. McKamey

16:33:54 Vice Chair Olsen

16:34:29 Rep. Curdy

16:35:04 Vice Chair Casey Knudsen

16:35:51 Chair Shaw

16:37:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33

16:38:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **HJ 33 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:38:23 Vice Chair Olsen

16:39:53 Rep. Redfield

16:43:15 Vice Chair Olsen
16:43:48 Rep. McKamey

16:44:38 **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. Bachmeier, Rep. Bishop, and Rep. Galt voted by proxy.

16:45:53 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Casey Knudsen moved that **HJ 33 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Beard and Rep. Galt were excused.

Discussion:

16:46:37 Rep. Redfield
16:47:09 Vice Chair Olsen
16:47:20 Chair Shaw
16:47:52 Vice Chair Knudsen
16:48:20 Chair Shaw

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:49:36

Molly Murray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh74aad.pdf](#))