

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on January 29, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch  
Jack Racicot, Committee Secretary

**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: HB 63, 1/22/2019; HB 101, 1/22/2019; SB 73, 1/17/2019; SB 137, 1/21/2019

**HEARING ON HB 63**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:45 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 63, Remove sunset date to extend financial liability for pesticide applicators.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:03:13 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture  
15:05:46 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association  
15:06:23 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association  
15:06:45 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
15:07:42 Pam Converse, Pondera County Weed coordinator

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:09:07 Sen. Gillespie  
15:09:41 Ms. Converse, Pondera County

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:10:30 Rep. Shaw

**HEARING ON SB 137**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:12:07 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 137, Revise laws related to agricultural use of special fuel.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:14:01 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation  
15:14:24 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association  
15:14:50 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:15:29 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (MDT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:15:52 Sen. Salomon  
15:16:04 Mr. Flynn, MDT  
15:16:24 Sen. Lang  
15:16:40 Mr. Flynn  
15:16:44 Sen. Lang  
15:16:50 Mr. Flynn  
15:17:30 Sen. Lang  
15:17:37 Mr. Flynn

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:18:26 Sen. Hinebauch

**HEARING ON SB 73**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:19:16 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 73, Revise agricultural commodity licensing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:21:44 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

15:29:07 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association

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15:34:22 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:35:01 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

15:35:20 Ron Ostberg, Montana Farm Union

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:36:05 Sen. Lang

15:36:22 Mr. Jensen, AGR

15:36:24 Sen. Lang

15:36:32 Mr. Jensen

15:36:36 Sen. Lang

15:36:55 Mr. Jensen

15:37:09 Sen. Lang

15:37:15 Mr. Jensen

15:37:21 Sen. MacDonald

15:37:48 Mr. Jensen

15:38:48 Chair Hoven

15:38:58 Mr. Jensen

15:39:11 Chair Hoven

15:39:31 Mr. Jensen

15:40:26 Sen. Gillespie

15:40:41 Mr. Jensen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:40:57 Sen. Hinebauch

**HEARING ON HB 101**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:41:59 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 101, Revise deadline for applying for refund of livestock per capita fee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:42:56 Evan Waters, Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:44:41 Sen. Lang

15:45:02 Mr. Waters, DOL

15:45:23 Sen. Gillespie

15:45:39 Mr. Waters

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:46:02 Rep. Knudsen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:47 PM

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Jack Racicot, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ags17aad.pdf](#))