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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on February 12, 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: SB 206, 2/5/2019; HB 51, 2/5/2019; HB 102, 2/5/2019

HEARING ON SB 206

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:22 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 206, Revise the labeling and marketing of certain ag products.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:11 Jim Baker, Montana Cattlemen Association

EXHIBIT(ags29a01)

15:06:34 Walter Archer, Northern Plains Resource Council

15:11:54 Jeff Bangs, Montana Farmers Union

15:14:54 Larry Hendrickson, commissioner, Liberty County

15:15:32 Elise Strong, self

EXHIBIT(ags29a02)

15:19:10 Will Downs, Montana Farmers Union

15:21:51 Kate Ryan, self

15:22:46 John Wagner, self

15:26:01 Gilles Stockton, Montana Farmers Union; Montana Cattlemen Association; Northern Plains Resource Council (MFU, MCA, NPRC)

15:30:21 Erik Somerfeld, Montana Farmers Union

15:34:56 Mark Juedeman, self

15:37:44 Sen. Ellis entered the room.

Opponents' Testimony:

15:39:14 Brad Griffin, president, Montana Retail Association (MRA)

15:41:46 Bonita Cremer, self

15:45:00 Lillian Ostendorf, self

15:46:34 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

15:50:40 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:54:03 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:55:15 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Informational Testimony:

15:58:19 Emily Kaleczyc, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:58:45 Sen. MacDonald

15:59:12 Sen. Olszewski

16:01:26 Sen. MacDonald

16:02:30 Mr. Stockton, MFU, MCA, NPRC

16:04:02 Sen. MacDonald

16:04:49 Mr. Stockton

16:04:59 Sen. Ellis

16:05:37 Sen. Olszewski

16:07:22 Sen. Webber

16:08:02 Ms. Rossi, ACLU

16:09:20 Sen. Webber
 16:09:37 Ms. Rossi
 16:10:15 Sen. Lang
 16:10:34 Sen. Olszewski
 16:11:27 Sen. Lang
 16:11:52 Ms. Kaleczyc, DOL
 16:12:35 Sen. Lang
 16:12:46 Ms. Kaleczyc
 16:13:30 Sen. Osmundson
 16:14:20 Mr. Griffin, MRA
 16:14:45 Sen. Smith
 16:15:25 Mr. Griffin
 16:16:02 Sen. Smith
 16:16:26 Sen. Lang
 16:17:56 Mr. Griffin
 16:17:08 Sen. Gillespie
 16:19:21 Mr. Griffin
 16:20:15 Sen. Bogner
 16:20:32 Sen. Olszewski
 16:21:08 Chair Hoven
 16:22:08 Sen. Olszewski

Closing by Sponsor:

16:22:50 Sen. Olszewski

HEARING ON HB 51

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:27:55 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 51, Repeal the Montana-certified natural beef cattle marketing program.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:29:30 Ben Thomas, director, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:30:40 Jim Baker, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:31:29 Sen. Salomon
 16:31:45 Mr. Thomas, MDA
 16:32:18 Sen. Olszewski
 16:32:33 Mr. Thomas
 16:33:01 Sen. Lang
 16:33:23 Mr. Baker, self
 16:33:38 Sen. Lang
 16:33:48 Mr. Baker
 16:34:05 Sen. Gillespie
 16:34:35 Mr. Thomas

16:35:15 Sen. Lang
16:35:33 Mr. Thomas
16:35:46 Sen. Lang
16:35:57 Mr. Thomas
16:36:05 Sen. Webber
16:36:27 Mr. Thomas
16:36:54 Sen. Webber
16:37:07 Mr. Thomas
16:37:37 Sen. Ellis
16:38:10 Mr. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

16:39:23 Rep. Bachmeier

HEARING ON HB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:40:46 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 102, Create civil penalty for violations of agricultural marketing and transportation.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:41:22 Ben Thomas, director, Department of Agriculture
16:43:15 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

16:43:34 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Grain Elevators Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags29a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:45:58 Sen. Ellis
16:46:10 Rep. Pierson

Closing by Sponsor:

16:46:46 Rep. Pierson

16:47:26 Chair Hoven
16:47:33 Sen. Ellis
16:47:47 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division, LSD
16:48:01 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:48 PM

Jack Racicot, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ags29aad.pdf](#))