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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on February 19, 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
Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 112, 2/12/2019; HB 142, 2/12/2019; HB 151, 2/5/2019;
SB 230, 5/12/2019

Executive Action:

SB 206, Be Tabled

Moved to draft a joint resolution urging Congress to recognize the importance and need for country-of-origin labeling on beef and pork products.

15:00:23 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON HB 151

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:25 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 151, Increase maximum annual assessment on wheat and barley.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:08 Lyle Benjamin, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

15:05:08 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

15:07:11 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:36 Sen. Salomon

15:09:47 Mr. Jensen, AGR

15:10:51 Sen. Gillespie

15:12:08 Mr. Benjamin, MGGA

15:12:27 Chair Hoven

15:15:02 Mr. Benjamin

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:40 Rep. Fitzgerald

15:18:03 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:59 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 142, Revise county weed laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:20:08 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

15:21:06 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:22:08 Sen. Salomon

15:23:43 Rep. Kassmier

15:23:53 Sen. Gillespie

15:24:12 Rep. Kassmier

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:43 Rep. Kassmier

15:25:18 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON HB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:25:38 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 112, Revise importation requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:27:12 Tahnee Szymanski, Department of Livestock (DOL)

15:31:46 Dan Conn, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association

15:32:22 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

15:33:22 Dan Wenner, Fort Peck Tribes (FPT), Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:44:33 Sen. Webber

15:45:21 Mr. Wenner, FPT, ITBC

15:45:27 Sen. MacDonald

15:45:57 Rep. Redfield

15:47:16 Sen. Salomon

15:49:56 Rep. Redfield

15:50:16 Sen. MacDonald

15:50:46 Mr. Wenner

15:50:56 Sen. Lang entered the hearing.

15:51:07 Sen. Gillespie

15:51:44 Ms. Szymanski, DOL

15:52:21 Sen. Smith

15:52:47 Ms. Szymanski

15:54:20 Chair Hoven

15:54:52 Mr. Wenner

15:55:07 Sen. Gillespie

15:55:43 Mr. Wenner

15:56:10 Sen. Webber

15:56:40 Sen. Osmundson entered the hearing.

15:56:47 Mr. Wenner

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:01 Rep. Redfield

15:57:43 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON SB 230

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:58:13 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 230, Require health warning for raw milk sales.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:02:26 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials, Montana Public Health Association, Montana Environmental Health Association, Montana Medical Association

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16:04:29 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
16:04:57 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

16:05:53 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

Informational Testimony:

16:07:03 Tahnee Szymanski, Department of Livestock (DOL)
16:07:31 Ed Evanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:07:59 Sen. Osmundson
16:08:16 Sen. Sands
16:08:27 Sen. Salomon
16:08:55 Sen. Sands
16:09:04 Sen. Gillespie
16:09:44 Ms. Szymanski, DOL

Closing by Sponsor:

16:10:41 Sen. Sands

16:12:33 Chair Hoven

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 206

16:13:01 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **SB 206 DO PASS.**

16:13:03 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Salomon made a substitute motion that **SB 206 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. MacDonald, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Webber voting no.

16:14:20 **Motion:** Sen. Olszewski moved to draft a joint resolution urging Congress to recognize the importance and need for country-of-origin labeling on beef and pork products.

Discussion:

16:16:09 Sen. Osmundson
16:16:56 Sen. Ellis

16:17:41 Sen. Olszewski
16:17:45 Sen. MacDonald
16:19:03 Sen. Lang
16:20:03 Sen. MacDonald
16:20:39 Sen. Gillespie

16:21:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:21:20 Chair Hoven
16:21:23 Sen. Olszewski
16:21:33 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:22 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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