

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on March 12, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., 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. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

**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 179, 2/27/2019; HB 221, 2/27/2019; HB 327, 2/27/2019

14:59:26 Chair Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 221**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:48 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise pesticide applicator laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:02:55 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (AGR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:08:47 Sen. MacDonald

15:09:16 Rep. Anderson

15:09:23 Sen. Ellis

15:11:28 Mr. Jensen, AGR

15:11:38 Sen. Webber

15:12:35 Mr. Jensen

15:13:07 Sen. Salomon

15:14:31 Mr. Jensen

15:15:22 Sen. Salomon

15:15:51 Rep. Anderson

15:16:04 Sen. Lang entered the hearing.

15:16:15 Sen. Salomon

15:16:39 Rep. Anderson

15:17:17 Sen. Webber

15:17:51 Rep. Anderson

15:18:38 Chair Hoven

15:21:21 Mr. Jensen

15:21:39 Sen. Gillespie

15:22:03 Rep. Anderson

15:22:11 Mr. Jensen

15:22:48 Sen. Gillespie

15:23:24 Mr. Jensen

15:24:13 Sen. Gillespie

15:24:28 Rep. Anderson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:25:07 Rep. Anderson

15:25:34 Chair Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 327**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:25:57 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 327, Real meat act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:29:12 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association

15:30:41 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:33:36 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(ags50a01\)\*\*](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

15:36:34 Emily Kaleczyc, Department of Livestock (DOL)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(ags50a02\)\*\*](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:37:26 Sen. MacDonald

15:38:51 Ms. Kaleczyc, DOL

15:40:19 Sen. Ellis

15:41:09 Ms. Rossi, ACLU

15:42:57 Sen. Ellis

15:44:03 Rep. Redfield

15:44:30 Sen. Salomon

15:45:19 Rep. Redfield

15:46:00 Sen. Gillespie

15:46:41 Ms. Rossi

15:47:11 Sen. MacDonald

15:48:02 Sen. Smith

15:48:37 Rep. Redfield

15:49:20 Sen. Smith

15:49:45 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:50:01 Rep. Redfield

15:51:53 Chair Hoven

15:52:04 Sen. MacDonald

15:52:59 Chair Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 179**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:53:57 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 179, Establish license and qualifications for veterinary technicians.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:55:06 Eli Olind, Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association (BSVTA)

15:59:10 Dr. Tierney Olsen, self

16:04:14 Marcia Cantrell, BSVTA  
 16:05:57 Bruce Sorensen, self  
 16:07:44 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

**EXHIBIT(ags50a03)**

16:09:37 Alex Johnson, Pima Medical Institute, self  
 16:12:30 Shelbie Wood, BSVTA  
 16:14:04 Tia Nelson, Montana Veterinary Board  
 16:15:47 Danyale West, BSTVA  
 16:17:32 Darleen Miller, Pima Medical Institute, self  
 16:20:21 Chair Hoven  
 16:20:39 Dr. Jeanne Rankin, DVM  
 16:24:29 Dr. Steven Watters, Big Sky Veterinary Technician Association BSTVA, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (BSVTA) (MTVMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:29:33 Patrick Webb, Americans For Prosperity Montana  
 16:31:30 Andrew Forcier, self

**EXHIBIT(ags50a04)**

16:37:45 Lain Kay, self

**EXHIBIT(ags50a05)**

**Informational Testimony:**

16:40:18 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:43:17 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:43:49 Mr. Olind, BSVTA  
 16:46:32 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:47:38 Ms. Rankin, DVM  
 16:49:22 Sen. Salomon  
 16:50:19 Ms. Rankin  
 16:51:12 Sen. Salomon  
 16:52:29 Rep. Redfield  
 16:52:38 Sen. Webber  
 16:53:37 Ms. Rankin  
 16:55:32 Judy Bovington, DLI  
 16:55:58 Sen. Lang  
 16:57:16 Ms. Bovington  
 16:58:43 Sen. Lang  
 16:59:07 Ms. Cantrell, BSVTA  
 16:59:38 Sen. Lang  
 17:00:00 Mr. Forcier  
 17:01:15 Sen. Ellis  
 17:04:49 Ms. Bovington  
 17:05:05 Sen. Ellis  
 17:05:22 Rep. Redfield  
 17:06:03 Chair Hoven  
 17:09:19 Mr. Watters, BSVTA, MTVMA

17:10:12 Sen. Salomon

17:11:02 Rep. Redfield

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:11:30 Rep. Redfield

**Committee Business:**

17:12:13 Chair Hoven

17:12:25 Sen. Ellis

17:12:54 Chair Hoven

17:13:41 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:14:03 Chair Hoven

17:14:17 Mr. Mohr, LSD

17:17:43 Chair Hoven

17:18:01 Sen. Webber

17:18:42 Sen. Ellis

17:19:03 Chair Hoven

17:19:11 Sen. Gillespie

17:19:20 Sen. Ellis

17:19:34 Sen. Gillespie

17:19:42 Chair Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:20 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ags50aad.pdf](#))