

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on March 21, 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. 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: HJ 28, 3/13/2019; HB 592, 3/13/2019

15:00:15 Chair Hoven
15:01:40 Sen. Olszewski entered the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 592

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:41 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 592, Revise milk pooling laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:03 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)

EXHIBIT(ags58a01)

15:14:51 Ed Waldner, Chester
15:18:04 Ruben Wurz, Montana Milk Producers Association
15:18:47 Ike Wurtz, Cascade Colony
15:19:05 Debbie Andersen
15:19:25 Amy Angel, food distributor
15:21:24 Eric Anderson, Teamsters Local 190
15:22:20 Joe Mandel
15:22:38 Leonard Kleinenseer
15:22:55 Derrick Angel

Opponents' Testimony:

15:23:25 Tim Huls, Huls Dairy

EXHIBIT(ags58a02)

15:32:17 David Price
15:38:38 Dan Daugherty, Northwest Farms
15:40:31 Shane Leep
15:42:56 Del Kamerman
15:44:28 Arley George
15:45:23 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

Informational Testimony:

15:46:24 Bob Cort, Dairy Technomics

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:59 Sen. Olszewski
15:47:54 Ms. Evans, MMPA
15:48:15 Sen. Salomon
15:51:27 Ms. Evans
15:52:25 Sen. Salomon
15:54:37 Mr. Huls, Huls Dairy
15:55:23 Sen. Gillespie
15:58:00 Mr. Huls
15:58:56 Sen. Webber
16:00:28 Mr. Kamerman, self
16:00:52 Sen. Lang

16:03:09 Mr. Huls
16:03:34 Sen. Lang
16:05:34 Mr. Cort, Dairy Technomics
16:06:37 Sen. Gillespie
16:06:59 Mr. Cort
16:07:57 Sen. Gillespie
16:08:15 Mr. Waldner, Chester
16:09:40 Sen. Gillespie
16:10:09 Sen. Lang
16:10:45 Mr. Cort
16:11:49 Sen. Smith
16:12:12 Mr. Huls
16:12:20 Sen. Smith
16:12:33 Mr. Huls
16:13:21 Sen. Gillespie

Closing by Sponsor:

16:13:50 Rep. Fitzgerald

16:14:23 Chair Hoven

HEARING ON HJ 28

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:20:49 Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened the hearing on HJ 28, Joint resolution requesting denial of American prairie reserve grazing permit.

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:27:33 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana
16:28:47 Anna Morris

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a04\)](#)

16:33:01 KC Weingart
16:35:15 Ross Butcher, Fergus County Commission; Montana Association of Counties
16:37:19 Dave McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a05\)](#)

16:38:39 Ron Poertner
16:41:04 Ed Butcher
16:44:46 Sen. Ellis
16:44:51 Mr. Ed Butcher

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a06\)](#)

16:47:08 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association
16:47:15 Chair Hoven
16:49:32 John Fahlgren, Valley County Commission

[EXHIBIT\(ags58a07\)](#)

16:50:54 Bruce Christofferson, Phillips County Commission

16:54:56 Leah LaTray
 16:58:43 Laura Russell
 16:59:55 Lonny Bergstrom
 17:02:28 Kim Skinner
 17:03:54 Laura Boyce
 17:04:40 Chuck Rein
 17:06:07 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
 17:06:37 Deanna Robbins
 17:09:17 Tim Ravndal
 17:10:12 Michelle Gibbs

Opponents' Testimony:

17:12:38 Pete Geddes, American Prairie Reserve (APR)
[**EXHIBIT\(ags58a08\)**](#)

17:23:33 Betty Holder, American Prairie Reserve (APR)
 17:34:00 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation; National Wildlife Federation; Greater
 Yellowstone Coalition; National Parks Association
 17:36:33 Art Compton, Montana Chapter Sierra Club
 17:38:22 Randy Gray, American Prairie Reserve
 17:41:29 Clyde Aspevig, American Prairie Reserve (APR)
 17:44:25 Don Woerner, veterinary practitioner, Laurel

Informational Testimony:

17:47:25 Perri Jacobs, self
[**EXHIBIT\(ags58a09\)**](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:55:45 Sen. MacDonald
 17:57:30 Mr. Woerner, DVM
 17:58:19 Sen. Ellis
 17:58:53 Jason Mohr. Legislative Services Division
 17:59:18 Sen. Ellis
 18:02:40 Ms. Holder, APR
 18:02:46 Sen. Olszewski
 18:03:42 Chair Hoven
 18:03:48 Ms. Holder
 18:04:28 Sen. Gillespie
 18:08:01 Mr. Fahlgren, Valley County
 18:08:24 Sen. Smith
 18:08:59 Ms. Holder
 18:09:31 Chair Hoven
 18:10:08 Ms. Holder
 18:11:16 Sen. Lang
 18:12:00 Ms. Holder
 18:12:10 Sen. Lang
 18:12:23 Mr. Geddes, APR
 18:12:44 Sen. Lang
 18:14:38 Mr. Falhgren
 18:15:01 Sen. Lang

18:15:15 Mr. Aspevig, APR
18:15:46 Sen. Lang
18:15:55 Ms. Holder
18:16:11 Sen. MacDonald
18:16:58 Mr. Fahlgren
18:17:13 Sen. Smith
18:20:15 Ms. Holder
18:21:06 Sen. Osmundson
18:22:17 Mr. Fahlgren
18:22:41 Chair Hoven
18:23:18 Mr. Fahlgren

Closing by Sponsor:

18:23:29 Rep. Bartel

18:26:00 Chair Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:26 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Document:

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