

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on April 9, 2019 at 3:14 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: HB 431, 4/2/2019; HB 528, 4/3/2019; HB 607, 4/3/2019

Executive Action: HB 431, Be Concurred In As Amended  
HB 607, Be Concurred In

15:13:57 Chair Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 431**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:15:08 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 431, Create farmer loan assistance program by revising GTA laws.

**EXHIBIT(ags74a01)**

15:15:21 Sen. Bogner entered the hearing.

15:17:32 Sen. Olszewski entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:21:44 Liv Stavick, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:23:13 Rachel Prevost, Northern Plains Resource Council

15:25:31 Kori Anderson, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana CattleWomen

15:26:48 Whitney Tawney, Montana Conservation Voters

15:28:41 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:29:08 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:29:39 Sen. Olszewski

15:30:57 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:31:08 Rep. Brown

15:32:06 Sen. Olszewski

15:32:18 Rep. Brown

15:32:34 Sen. Webber

15:35:21 Rep. Brown

15:36:07 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:36:52 Sen. Gillespie

15:37:46 Rep. Brown

15:37:54 Sen. Gillespie

15:38:02 Sen. Ellis

15:39:52 Rep. Brown

15:40:09 Christy Clark, bureau chief, Agricultural Development and Marketing, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

15:41:00 Sen. Olszewski

15:41:15 Sen. Lang entered the hearing.

15:41:24 Ms. Clark, MDA

15:41:52 Mr. Jensen

15:44:33 Sen. Ellis

15:44:42 Sen. MacDonald

15:45:38 Mr. Jensen

15:45:50 Sen. Olszewski

15:46:54 Mr. Mohr, LSD  
15:47:49 Sen. Salomon  
15:49:57 Mr. Jensen  
15:50:09 Rep. Brown  
15:50:31 Sen. Salomon  
15:52:07 Rep. Brown  
15:52:25 Sen. Ellis  
15:52:56 Rep. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:53:37 Rep. Brown

15:56:45 Chair Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 528**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:57:05 Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 528, Create veterinary retail facility permits.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:00:57 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MTVMA)

16:02:59 Dr. Jeanne Rankin, veterinarian

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags74a03\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:10:03 Sen. Salomon  
16:12:14 Rep. Moore  
16:13:06 Sen. Webber  
16:15:24 Ms. Rankin, self  
16:15:44 Sen. Ellis  
16:16:27 Rep. Moore  
16:17:13 Sen. Gillespie  
16:22:01 Ms. Rankin  
16:23:36 Sen. Gillespie  
16:23:45 Sen. Ellis  
16:25:25 Ms. Lauerman, MTVMA  
16:25:33 Sen. Webber  
16:25:55 Ms. Lauerman  
16:26:25 Sen. Lang  
16:27:24 Rep. Moore  
16:27:32 Sen. Lang  
  
16:27:46 Sen. MacDonald left the hearing.

16:28:04 Ms. Rankin  
16:28:38 Sen. Lang  
16:29:03 Rep. Moore

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:30:02 Rep. Moore  
  
16:33:08 Chair Hoven

**HEARING ON HB 607**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:33:26 Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 607, Allow for the manufacture and sale of pet treats.

**EXHIBIT(ags74a04)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:40:18 Keeley Wilson, Ladybug Bites, LLC  
16:47:33 June Hermanson, Montana Association of Rehabilitation  
16:48:49 Paul Tuss, executive director, Bear Paw Development Corporation  
16:50:12 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (MDA)  
16:55:12 Stuart Wilson, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:02:13 Sen. Olszewski  
17:02:48 Ms. Wilson, Ladybug Bites  
17:03:00 Sen. Salomon  
17:04:24 Mr. Jensen, MDA  
17:04:34 Sen. Lang  
17:05:46 Mr. Jensen  
17:05:57 Sen. Webber  
17:07:28 Mr. Jensen  
17:08:53 Sen. Ellis  
17:09:43 Mr. Jensen  
17:11:20 Sen. Smith  
17:11:32 Mr. Jensen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:11:51 Rep. Bachmeier  
  
17:14:08 Chair Hoven

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 607**

17:14:27 Sen. Olszewski

17:14:43 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 607 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:14:56 Sen. Webber

17:15:43 **Vote:** Motion carried by 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Osmundson were excused. Sen. Olszewski will carry the bill.

17:16:02 Chair Hoven

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 431**

17:16:23 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)

17:16:48 **Motion:** Sen. Hoven moved that **HB 431 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:16:58 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 431 BE AMENDED.**  
(see exhibit 1)

**Discussion:**

17:17:11 Sen. Lang

17:17:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

17:17:25 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 431 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:17:38 Sen. Salomon

17:18:19 Sen. Olszewski

17:19:53 Sen. Lang

17:22:53 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

17:23:13 Sen. Webber

17:24:17 Sen. Gillespie

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17:31:30 Sen. Lang

17:32:18 Mr. Jensen, MDA

17:33:38 Sen. Lang

17:35:26 Chair Hoven

17:35:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. F. Smith voting no. Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:37 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ags74aad.pdf](#))