

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Dooling, on February 9, 2021 at 3:15 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Julie Dooling, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)  
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary  
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch  
Hallie Swain, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 58, 2/3/2021; HB 294, 2/4/2021

**HEARING ON SB 58****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:24 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 58, Provide fund transfer for livestock losses.

15:23:26 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:27:43 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:28:29 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:29:32 Ron Devlin, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

15:31:19 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

**EXHIBIT(agh27a01)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:34:47 Rep. McKamey

15:35:10 Sen. Cuffe

15:36:26 George Edwards, MDOL

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:37:12 Sen. Cuffe

15:41:34 Rep. Kassmier assumed the Chair.

15:41:50 Rep. Whiteman Pena left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 294****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:42:23 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 294, Revise fees for agricultural seed licenses.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:44:28 Gord Pearse, Montana Seed Trade Association (MSTA)

15:44:53 Rep. Walsh joined the meeting.

15:48:39 Chad Becker, Montana Seed Trade Association (MSTA)

15:50:55 Tyler Heupel, Montana Seed Trade Association (MSTA)

15:52:09 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association (MABA);

15:53:12 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

15:54:34 Rep. Marshall joined the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:54:16 Bob Ballensky, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

15:55:14 Christy Clark, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:55:57 Rep. Fitzgerald

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:57:00

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Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([agh27aad.pdf](#))