

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Joshua Kassmier, on February 23, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)
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. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch
Heather Vanse-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 336, 2/15/2021
Executive Action on: HB 302; HB 311; HB 312

HEARING ON HB 336**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:41 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 336, Interstate cooperative meatpacking compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:34 Rep. Galt, self

15:10:55 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resources Council (NPRC)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:11:47 Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

EXHIBIT(agh38a01)

15:20:05 Jake Feddes, Feddes Family Meats

15:26:36 Jason Emmett, Montana Meat Processors Association (MMPA)

15:28:23 Scott Peterson, Storm Castle Cafe

15:30:25 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:33:40 Matt Elvbakken, Montana Meat Processors Association (MMPA)

15:37:58 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:41:32 Gilmen Gasper, T & G Processing, LLC

EXHIBIT(agh38a02)**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:43:22 Rep. Malone

15:44:55 Marty Zaluski, MDOL

15:46:04 Vice Chair Olsen

15:53:16 Jake Feddes, Feddes Family Meats

15:54:01 Rep. C. Knudsen

15:55:49 Rep. Ler

15:56:39 Rep. Marshall

15:57:03 Rep. Ler

15:57:06 Vice Chair Dooling left the meeting.

15:57:12 Rep. Marshall

16:00:07 Marty Zaluski, MDOL

16:00:42 Rep. Walsh

16:01:04 Marty Zaluski, MDOL

16:03:40 Rep. Malone

16:04:33 Jason Emmett, MMPA

16:05:32 Rep. F. Smith

16:07:50 Jake Feddes, Feddes Family Meats

16:08:58 Rep. C. Knudsen

16:09:41 Marty Zaluski, MDOL

16:11:18 Vice Chair Olsen

16:12:05 Rep. Ler

16:13:09 Vice Chair Olsen

16:13:24 Rep. McKamey

16:13:55 Rep. Ler

16:14:46 Rep. McKamey
16:19:03 Marty Zaluski, MDOL
16:19:47 Rep. F. Smith
16:21:25 Marty Zaluski, MDOL

Closing by Sponsor:

16:21:52 Rep. Ler

16:23:14 Recess
16:36:27 Reconvened with Rep. Ler and Rep. C. Knudsen excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 302

16:37:16 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 302 DO PASS.**

16:37:26 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 302 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh38a03)

Discussion:

16:37:59 Vice Chair Olsen
16:38:13 Chair Kassmier
16:38:30 Corina Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:39:19 Rep. Funk

16:39:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Dooling, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Ler and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy.

Discussion:

16:40:33 Vice Chair Olsen
16:41:55 Chair Kassmier
16:42:25 Rep. Walsh
16:43:04 Chair Kassmier
16:43:57 Rep. Malone

16:44:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Dooling, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Ler and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311

16:45:56 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 311 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:46:15 Rep. Funk
16:47:35 Vice Chair Olsen
16:48:35 Rep. F. Smith

16:49:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Dooling, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Ler and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy.

16:50:19 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 311 BE TABLED** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 312

16:50:45 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 312 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:51:13 Rep. Funk
16:52:24 Vice Chair Olsen
16:53:30 Rep. Malone
16:53:49 Rep. F. Smith
16:54:18 Rep. McKamey
16:55:04 Rep. Malone left the meeting.
16:56:28 Vice Chair Olsen
16:57:11 Rep. McKamey
16:58:15 Rep. F. Smith

16:58:53 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Curdy, Rep. Dooling, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Ler, Rep. Malone and Rep. Sullivan voted by proxy.

17:00:17 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 312 BE TABLED** Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:00:58

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh38aad.pdf](#))