

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Joshua Kassmier, on February 25, 2021 at 3:20 PM, in Room 137
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. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 433, 2/22/2021; HB 396, 2/22/2021
Executive Action on: HB 396; HB 433; HB 82; HB 336; HB 361

15:21:14 Rep. Malone left the meeting.
15:21:21 Vice Chair Dooling left the meeting.
15:21:40 Rep. Curdy left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 433

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:22:00 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 433, Clarify position of brand for recording.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:23:02 Ethan Wilfore, Board of Livestock (BOL)
15:27:40 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
15:29:00 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:30:36 Rep. Marshall
15:31:08 Rep. McKamey
15:31:58 Rep. Sullivan
15:32:36 Rep. Ler
15:32:54 Rep. Sullivan
15:33:16 Vice Chair Olsen
15:33:56 Ethan Wilfore, BOL
15:34:16 Vice Chair Olsen
15:34:53 Ethan Wilfore, BOL
15:35:33 Rep. McKamey
15:36:28 Ethan Wilfore, BOL
15:38:46 Rep. Walsh
15:39:01 Rep. Ler
15:39:49 Rep. Binkley
15:40:14 Ethan Wilfore, BOL
15:40:44 Chair Kassmier
15:40:56 Ethan Wilfore, BOL

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:16 Rep. Ler

15:42:07 Rep. Beard assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:42:26 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 396, Clarify hemp seed as commercial feed.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:43:40 Morgan Elliott, IND Hemp
15:47:44 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
15:48:18 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
15:49:08 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:49:45 Brook Carlson, self
15:50:18 Jacyнта Bomgardner, self
15:51:13 Brentlee Bomgardner, self
15:51:40 RoseMary Brimlow, self
15:52:21 Courtney Moran, Agricultural Hemp Solutions, LLC

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:55:41 Ian Foley, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:57:57 Rep. Marshall
15:58:32 Ian Foley, AGR
15:59:12 Rep. Ler
15:59:42 Rep. Beard
16:00:25 Rep. F. Smith
16:00:38 Morgan Elliott, IND Hemp
16:00:56 Rep. F. Smith
16:01:07 Rep. McKamey
16:01:26 Morgan Elliott, IND Hemp
16:01:42 Rep. McKamey
16:01:52 Vice Chair Olsen
16:02:14 Rep. Funk joined the meeting
16:02:24 Jacyнта Bomgardner, self

Closing by Sponsor:

16:02:54 Rep. Kassmier

16:03:52 Rep. Kassmier assumed the Chair.

16:04:18 Recess
16:29:58 Reconvened with Rep. Malone and Rep. Curdy present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 82

16:30:17 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 82 DO PASS.**

16:30:33 **Motion:** Rep. Walsh moved that **HB 82 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh40a01)

Discussion:

16:31:00 Chair Kassmier
16:31:19 Corina Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:31:50 Rep. Funk

- 16:32:29 Rep. Walsh
16:33:57 Rep. Funk
16:34:01 Chair Kassmier
- 16:34:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.
- 16:34:45 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 82 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 16:34:55 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey made a substitute motion that **HB 82 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 336

- 16:35:29 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 336 DO PASS.**
- 16:35:46 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 336 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(agh40a02\)](#)

Discussion:

- 16:36:00 Corina Hach, LSD
- 16:36:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.
- 16:37:12 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 336 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 16:37:26 Rep. Malone
16:37:53 Rep. Curdy
16:39:36 Rep. Ler
16:39:49 Rep. McKamey
16:40:34 Vice Chair Olsen
16:41:19 Rep. F. Smith
16:41:48 Rep. Malone
16:42:35 Rep. Ler
16:43:52 Rep. McKamey
16:44:46 Rep. F. Smith
- 16:45:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 361

- 16:46:46 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 361 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:46:59 Rep. Funk

16:47:36 Rep. Malone

16:47:59 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Ler, Rep. Marshall and Rep. F. Smith voting aye. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:49:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 361 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 396

16:49:45 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 396 DO PASS**.

16:49:54 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 396 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh40a03\)](#)

Discussion:

16:50:13 Corina Hach, LSD

16:51:04 Vice Chair Olsen

16:52:20 Chair Kassmier

16:52:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:53:07 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 396 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

16:53:17 Vice Chair Olsen

16:53:43 Chair Kassmier

16:53:55 Vice Chair Olsen

16:54:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433

16:54:35 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 433 DO PASS**.

16:54:41 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 433 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(agh40a04\)](#)

Discussion:

16:55:00 Corina Hach, LSD

16:55:18 Chair Kassmier

16:55:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by voice vote with Rep. McKamey and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

16:56:33 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 433 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:56:45 Rep. Sullivan

16:57:22 Rep. Curdy

16:57:46 Rep. Ler

16:58:14 Chair Kassmier

16:58:37 Rep. Whiteman Pena

16:58:53 Chair Kassmier

16:59:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Dooling and Rep. C. Knudsen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:01:16

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh40aad.pdf](#))