

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Julie Dooling, on March 11, 2021 at 3:50 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (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 131, 3/8/2021; SB 98, 3/8/2021

15:51:30 Rep. Kassmier left the meeting.
15:52:01 Vice Chair Olsen joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:52:35 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 131, Provide milk price forward contacts.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:54:37 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers Association (MMPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:56:12 Chad Lee, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:56:52 Rep. Walsh
15:58:13 Sen. Salomon
15:59:00 Rep. Olsen
16:02:48 Krista Lee Evans, MMPA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:03:48 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 98

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:04:46 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 98, Revising laws related to grizzly bear take in defense of persons and livestock.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:10:13 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)
16:12:53 Tressa Graveley, self
16:22:02 Shanun Rammell, self

EXHIBIT(agh49a01)

16:28:42 David McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:31:42 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
16:35:50 Rep. Ler left the meeting.
16:35:58 Brook Shrifrin, Greater Yellowstone Coalition (GYC)
16:38:08 Jennifer Sherry, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

EXHIBIT(agh49a02)

16:40:18 Jocelyn Leroux, Western Watershed Project (WWP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:42:24 Rep. Malone
16:46:06 Sen. Gillespie
16:46:44 Rep. Marshall
16:47:55 Jocelyn Leroux, WWP
16:48:08 Rep. Walsh
16:49:50 Rep. Kassmier rejoined the meeting.
16:50:12 Brooke Shiffrin, GYC
16:50:51 Rep. F. Smith
16:51:26 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
16:51:49 Chair Dooling
16:52:12 Ross Morgan, RMSGGA
16:52:41 Chair Dooling
16:52:55 Rep. Marshall
16:54:14 Ross Morgan, RMSGGA
16:54:49 Rep. Curdy
16:55:15 Rep. Ler rejoined the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

16:55:22 Sen. Gillespie

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:01:38

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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