

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Vice Chair Dooling, on March 16, 2021 at 3:20 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. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

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 410, 3/12/2021; SB 270, 3/12/2021; SJ 11, 3/12/2021

Executive Action on: SB 98; SB 131

HEARING ON SJ 11**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:22:41 Sen. Ellie Boldman (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SJ 11, Resolution regarding products of the USA.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:24:36 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

EXHIBIT(agh52a01)

15:25:44 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA); Montana Cattlewomen (MCW)

15:26:23 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBB)

15:27:14 Mikindra Morin, Northern Plains Resources Council (NPRC)

15:28:37 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting.

15:28:46 Rep. C. Knudsen left the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:29:05 Rep. Malone

15:29:44 Sen. Boldman

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:09 Sen. Boldman

HEARING ON SB 270**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:30:23 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 270, Revise valuation of commodities on state lands.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:33:03 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

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

15:34:31 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(agh52a02)**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:34:59 Rep. Curdy

15:35:06 Rep. McKamey joined the meeting.

15:35:35 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

15:36:49 Rep. Curdy

15:38:26 Sen. Hoven

15:39:34 Rep. Curdy
15:40:45 Rep. McKamey
15:41:32 Sen. Hoven
15:42:10 Chair Dooling
15:46:17 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

15:46:39 Sen. Hoven

HEARING ON HB 410**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:47:38 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 410, Pollinator protection act.

[EXHIBIT\(agh52a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:53:25 Skye Borden, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(agh52a04\)](#)

15:54:49 Patricia Sundberg, self

Opponents' Testimony:

15:57:22 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association (MABA)
16:00:57 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
16:02:33 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)
16:03:28 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Informational Testimony:

16:04:26 Ian Foley, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
16:07:04 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC)
16:07:29 Cindy Trimp, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:07:59 Rep. Malone
16:10:58 Rep. Olsen
16:12:56 Rep. Sullivan
16:13:10 Rep. C. Knudsen rejoined the meeting.
16:13:20 Krista Lee Evans, MABA
16:14:01 Rep. Sullivan
16:14:20 Krista Lee Evans, MABA
16:14:45 Rep. Marshall
16:15:57 Ian Foley, AGR
16:16:22 Rep. Curdy
16:17:07 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:17:53 Rep. Olsen

16:22:18 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting.

16:24:38 Brief recess
16:34:18 Reconvened with Rep. Kassmier as Chair and Rep. McKamey and Rep. C. Knudsen excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 98

16:34:54 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 98 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:35:11 Rep. Curdy
16:36:01 Rep. McKamey rejoined the meeting.
16:39:15 Rep. Malone
16:40:26 Vice Chair Olsen
16:41:20 Rep. McKamey
16:43:52 Chair Kassmier

16:44:14 **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. Beard, Rep. Funk, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Ler and Rep. Walsh voted by proxy. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 131

16:45:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 131 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Beard, Rep. Funk, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. Ler and Rep. Walsh voted by proxy. Rep. Fitzgerald will carry the bill.

16:47:09 Vice Chair Olsen
16:48:17 Rep. Malone
16:49:45 Vice Chair Olsen
16:50:38 Rep. McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:52:34

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh52aad.pdf](#))