

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Marty Malone-R, on March 16, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Marty Malone, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Brad Barker (R)
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Staff Present: Andria Hardin, Research Analyst
Rose Harmon, Secretary
Loran Nelson, 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:

HB 821 03/14/2023
SB 37 03/14/2023
SB 71 03/14/2023

Executive Action:

15:01:10 Chair Kassmier passed the gavel and the chair to Vice Chair Malone.

HEARING ON SB 37 - Update definitions for meat inspection of non-amenable species

Opening Statement:

15:03:29 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 37, Update definitions for meat inspection of non-amenable species.

Proponent Testimony:

15:06:26 Martin Zaluski, State Veterinarian, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:08:18 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 37.

HEARING ON SB 71 - Generally revise milk control policies

Opening Statement:

15:09:32 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 71, Generally revise milk control policies.

Proponent Testimony:

15:10:49 Brian Simonson, Deputy Executive Officer, Centralized Services Division, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:12:26 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 71.

Discussion:

15:13:20 Vice Chair Malone passed the gavel to Vice Chair Fern.

HEARING ON HB 821 - Appropriate money to dept. of ag for weed control

Opening Statement:

15:13:40 Vice Chair Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 821, Appropriate money to dept. of ag for weed control.

Proponent Testimony:

15:14:33 Dan Rostad, Yellowstone River Conservation District Council (YRCDC)

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15:18:21 Clint Peck, Yellowstone Conservation District

15:20:03 Kelsey Miller, Executive Director, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)

15:22:46 Joe Lockwood, Weed Coordinator, Yellowstone County

15:42:12 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)

15:43:15 Peter Dudley, Montana Audubon Society

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:25:22	Rep. James Bergstrom
15:25:57	Dan Rostad, YRCDC
15:27:41	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
15:28:15	Dan Rostad, YRCDC
15:29:56	Rep. Julie Dooling
15:30:34	Dan Rostad, YRCDC
15:31:24	Rep. Julie Dooling
15:31:34	Rep. Marvin Weatherwax joined the meeting.
15:31:45	Rep. Bob Carter
15:32:14	Dan Rostad, YRCDC
15:32:47	Rep. Bob Carter
15:33:03	Kelsey Miller, MWCA
15:38:02	Rep. Julie Dooling
15:38:25	Kelsey Miller, MWCA
15:39:11	Rep. James Bergstrom
15:39:33	Kelsey Miller, MWCA
15:40:10	Vice Chair Dave Fern
15:40:40	Rep. Marty Malone-R
15:41:03	Rep. Julie Dooling
15:41:25	Rep. Marty Malone-R
15:41:34	Vice Chair Dave Fern
15:44:04	Rep. Bob Carter

15:44:23 Clayton Elliot, MTU

Closing Statement:

15:44:42 Vice Chair Marty Malone (R), HD 59, closed the hearing on HB 821.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:47:08

Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230316AGHaad\)](#)