

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Joshua Kassmier-R, on March 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 137

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)  
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. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
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:

Executive Action:

HB 834 TO TABLE

15:01:53            **Committee Discussion:** Discussion prior to Executive Action on HB 834.

15:02:20            Andria Hardin

15:03:45            Vice Chair Dave Fern

15:03:55            Chair Joshua Kassmier

15:04:10            Vice Chair Marty Malone

15:04:27            Andria Hardin

15:04:56            Vice Chair Dave Fern

15:05:28            Rep. Casey Knudsen

15:05:51            Andria Hardin

15:06:59            Rep. Zack Wirth

15:07:47            Vice Chair Dave Fern

15:08:47            Vice Chair Marty Malone

15:09:14            Chair Joshua Kassmier

15:03:52            Rep. Carter has left

15:09:40            **Recessed**

15:15:04            **Reconvened**

15:15:10            Rep. Romano has arrived

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 834 - Exempt agricultural property from open space bonds**

15:15:15            **Motion:** Vice Chair Marty Malone moved that **HB 834 DO PASS.**

15:15:52            **Substitute Motion:** Vice Chair Dave Fern moved that **HB 834 TO TABLE.**

16:06:01            **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:17:23

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Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230328AGHaad\)](#)