

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 338, 2/4/2015; HB 378, 2/4/2015; HB 390, 2/4/2015

Executive Action: HB 179, HB 355, SB 108

00:00:05 Chairman Redfield

HEARING ON HB 390

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Rep. Mike Lang (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 390, Revise agricultural commodity committee laws.

EXHIBIT(agh30a01)

EXHIBIT(agh30a02)

00:03:17 Rep. Olszewski and Rep. Harris entered

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:14 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MT Dept. of AG)

00:08:17 Charlie Bumgarner, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)

00:09:31 Steve McDonnell, Self

00:11:41 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Business Association (MABA)

00:12:22 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:20 Rep. Williams

00:14:09 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:14:34 Rep. Salomon

00:14:46 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:15:28 Rep. Salomon

00:15:45 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:16:49 Rep. Curdy

00:17:28 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:18:53 Rep. McKamey

00:19:26 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:20:06 Rep. McKamey

00:20:14 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:20:28 Rep. Clark

00:20:39 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

00:21:13 Rep. Clark

00:21:20 Cort Jensen, Dept. of AG

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:52 Rep. Lang

HEARING ON HB 338**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:14 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 338, Revise cruelty to animal laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:54 Margaret Duezabou, Self

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

00:27:52 Rep. Clark
00:28:04 Rep. Karjala
00:28:59 Rep. Clark
00:29:21 Rep. Karjala
00:30:05 Rep. McKamey
00:30:25 Rep. Karjala
00:30:51 Rep. Williams
00:31:08 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:49 Rep. Karjala

HEARING ON HB 378**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:33 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 378, Generally revise animal fighting laws.

00:34:58 Rep. MacDonald entered

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:11 Stacey Gordon, Humane Society of Western Montana
EXHIBIT(agh30a03)
00:38:52 Jeff Darrah, Animal Control Supervisor for Missoula City and County
00:41:37 Lora O'Connor, Humane Society of Western Montana
00:42:51 Breanne Ender, Humane Society of Western Montana
00:43:56 Marta Pierpoint, Humane Society of Western Montana
00:45:33 Tom Ebzery, Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
EXHIBIT(agh30a04)
00:50:02 Rep. Garner, HD 7
00:51:39 Nanette Gilbertson, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)
00:52:12 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinarians Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:52:47 Rep. Harris
00:53:53 Rep. Garner, HD 7
00:54:20 Rep. Perry entered
00:55:03 Rep. Olsen
00:55:38 Rep. Garner, HD 7
00:56:08 Rep. Hertz
00:56:44 Stacey Gordon, Humane Society of Western Montana
00:57:02 Rep. Hertz
00:57:30 Stacey Gordon, Humane Society of Western Montana
00:57:54 Rep. MacDonald
00:58:11 Tom Ebzery, HSUS
00:58:49 Rep. Williams
00:59:31 Rep. Richmond
01:00:02 Rep. Clark
01:00:18 Rep. Richmond
01:00:29 Tom Ebzery, HSUS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:04 Rep. Richmond

01:02:45 Chairman Redfield

01:03:37 Recess
01:10:25 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108

01:10:26 Chairman Redfield

01:11:02 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 108 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:11:12 Rep. MacDonald

01:12:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 355

01:12:42 Chairman Redfield

01:13:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 355 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 179

01:13:39 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 179 DO PASS**.

Discussion:
[EXHIBIT\(agh30a05\)](#)

01:13:41 **Motion:** Rep. Manzella moved that **HB 179 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:13:51 Rep. Manzella

[EXHIBIT\(agh30a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh30a07\)](#)

01:15:44 Rep. Williams

01:15:55 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:16:10 Rep. Williams

01:16:46 Rep. Olsen

01:16:53 Rep. Manzella

01:17:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Karjala, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Webber and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy.

00:18:03 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **HB 179 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:18:30 Rep. MacDonald

01:19:45 Rep. Harris

01:20:23 Rep. Olsen

01:21:55 Rep. Monforton

01:23:49 Rep. Curdy

01:24:17 Rep. Williams

01:24:29 Rep. Monforton

01:24:43 Rep. Williams

01:26:01 Rep. Monforton

01:26:46 Rep. Olszewski

01:28:18 Rep. Olsen

01:29:01 Rep. Olszewski

01:29:26 Rep. Berglee

01:29:56 Rep. Monforton

01:30:01 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:30:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Karjala, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Perry, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Salomon, Rep. Webber and Rep. Williams voting no. Rep. Pease-Lopez voted by proxy.

01:31:47 Chairman Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:32:37

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh30aad.pdf](#))