

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Redfield, on March 24, 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. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

**Members Absent:** None

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

**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 176, 3/11/2015

[EXHIBIT\(agh61a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh61a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh61a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh61a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh61a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh61a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh61a07\)](#)

00:00:02 Chairman Redfield  
00:01:05 Rep. McKamey entered

### HEARING ON SB 176

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:18 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 176, Add state soil as a new state symbol.

00:01:28 Rep. Olszewski entered the hearing  
00:01:49 Rep. MacDonald entered the hearing

#### Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:45 Gerald Nielsen, Self  
00:12:07 Debbie Nelson, Longfellow Elementary School

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh61a08\)](#)

00:14:48 Kristin Sigler, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:18:13 Klara Dumbrovska, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:18:57 Emerson Harr, Longfellow Elementary School

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh61a09\)](#)

00:19:58 Kai Lehnhoff, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:20:38 Emmett Kruse, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:21:15 Jesse House, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:21:56 Phineas Fischer, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:22:28 Keira Beebe, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:22:53 Cooper Hartshorn, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:23:36 Simon Mitchell, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:24:16 Ursual Vlases, Longfellow Elementary School  
00:24:56 Douglas Fischer, Self  
00:26:47 Tony Hartshorn, Self

#### [EXHIBIT\(agh61a10\)](#)

00:31:28 Gordon Decker, Self  
00:33:37 Rep. Clark and Rep. Berglee left the hearing  
00:34:39 James Anderson, Belgrade Middle School  
00:35:54 David Sigler, Self  
00:40:45 Chuck Gordon, Self  
00:42:29 Georgianna Fischer, Self  
00:43:18 Claire Vlases, Self  
00:43:44 Harold Hunter, Self  
00:45:25 Sen. Whitford, SD 8

00:47:41 Angie Anderson, Self  
**EXHIBIT(agh61a11)**  
00:49:29 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
00:55:08 Daniel Biggerstaff, Self  
00:57:20 Kathleen Brandis, Self  
01:01:58 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association and Montana Agriculture  
Business Association (MGGA) (MABA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:02:48 Rep. MacDonald  
01:03:17 Gerald Nielsen, Self  
01:03:29 Rep. McKamey  
01:04:05 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
01:04:16 Rep. McKamey  
01:04:30 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
01:04:42 Rep. McKamey  
01:04:47 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
01:05:10 Rep. McKamey  
01:05:26 Rep. Lang  
01:05:35 Rep. Williams entered the hearing  
01:05:49 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
01:06:01 Rep. Lang  
01:06:09 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
01:06:12 Rep. Lang  
01:06:36 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
01:06:56 Rep. Olsen  
01:07:09 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG  
01:07:28 Gerald Nielsen, Self  
01:08:13 Rep. Olsen  
01:08:34 Gerald Nielsen, Self  
01:09:06 Rep. Olszewski  
01:09:16 Students  
01:09:38 Rep. Olszewski  
01:09:42 Students  
01:09:52 Rep. McKamey  
01:10:11 Mike Choriki, BLC Consulting AG

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:40 Sen. Pomnichowski  
  
01:10:52 Rep. Webber left the hearing  
01:13:23 Chairman Redfield

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 176**

01:13:54     **Motion:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **SB 176 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:14:03     Rep. Lang  
01:15:23     Rep. Olsen  
01:16:00     Rep. McKamey  
01:16:50     Rep. Staffanson  
01:17:36     Rep. MacDonald

01:17:50     **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark, Rep. Harris, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Manzella and Rep. Webber voted by proxy. Rep. Lang will carry the bill.

01:18:33     Rep. Hertz  
01:18:48     Chairman Redfield

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:19:21

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([agh61aad.pdf](#))**