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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Jopek, on January 29, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
- Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
- Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
- Rep. Russell Bean (R)
- Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
- Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
- Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
- Rep. John Fleming (D)
- Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
- Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
- Rep. David Howard (R)
- Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
- Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
- Rep. Lee Randall (R)
- Rep. Keith Regier (R)
- Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
- Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
- Rep. Bob Wagner (R)
- Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Absent: Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
- Marshall McEwen, 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:


Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 290, Increase sales amount requiring produce license for farmer's market vendors.

EXHIBIT (agh21a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:48 Jeanne Charter, Chair, Community Food Campaign, Yellowstone Valley Citizens Council
00:05:07 Rachel Negaard, Self
00:06:19 Cheryl Brill, Self
00:07:03 Rep. Butcher entered the room.
00:08:51 Deborah Muth, All Nations Garden Club
00:11:25 Clare Witcomb, All Nations Garden Club
00:12:09 Daniel Negaard, Self
00:13:31 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana
00:14:27 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

00:15:44 Carrie Brittain, Association of Montana Turf Ornamental and Pest Professionals, Orchard Homes Farmers Market
00:18:00 Gerald Landby, President, Association of Montana Turf Ornamental and Pest Professionals

Informational Testimony:

00:18:33 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agriculture Science Division, Montana Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT (agh21a02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:39 Rep. Dickenson
00:22:15 Rep. Grinde
00:22:33 Rep. Dickenson
00:22:53 Rep. Grinde
00:23:21 Rep. MacDonald
HEARING ON HB 282

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:59:39 Rep. Wanda Grinde (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 282, Revise license fees for nursery stock vendors at farmers markets.

EXHIBIT(agh21a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:37 Jeanne Charter, Chair, Community Food Campaign, Yellowstone Valley Citizens Council
01:02:41 Rachel Negaard, Self
01:03:56 Clare Witcomb, All Nations Garden Club
01:05:01 Cheryl Brill, All Nations Garden Club
01:06:32 Daniel Negaard, Self
01:08:16 Debra Muth, All-Nations Garden Club
01:10:10 Sharlene McComas, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:07 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agriculture Science Division, Montana Department of Agriculture

EXHIBIT(agh21a04)
01:15:40 Carrie Brittain, Association of Montana Turf Ornamental and Pest Professionals, Orchard Homes Farmers Market
01:17:17 Gerald Landby, President, Association of Montana Turf Ornamental and Pest Professionals

Informational Testimony: None
Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:43  Rep. French
01:20:03  Mr. Ames
01:21:11  Rep. French
01:21:21  Mr. Ames
01:21:31  Rep. French
01:22:05  Chairman Jopek
01:22:09  Mr. Ames
01:22:18  Donna Rise, Pest Management Bureau Chief, Department of Agriculture
01:23:08  Ms. Rise
01:23:33  Rep. French
01:23:50  Ms. Rise
01:24:25  Rep. Wagner
01:25:04  Mr. Ames
01:26:07  Rep. Wagner
01:26:20  Mr. Ames
01:26:38  Rep. MacDonald
01:26:57  Mr. Ames
01:27:33  Chairman Jopek
01:27:36  Rep. Bean
01:27:51  Chairman Jopek
01:28:06  Rep. Hoven
01:28:34  Mr. Ames
01:30:20  Rep. Hoven
01:30:43  Mr. Ames
01:31:05  Rep. Warburton
01:31:17  Mr. Ames
01:32:17  Rep. MacDonald
01:32:22  Mr. Ames
01:32:27  Chairman Jopek
01:32:34  Ms. Rise
01:33:11  Rep. MacDonald
01:33:41  Ms. Rise
01:34:54  Rep. MacDonald
01:35:59  Ms. Rise
01:37:45  Mr. Ames
01:38:34  Rep. Belcourt
01:39:09  Mr. Ames
01:39:31  Ms. Rise
01:40:24  Ms. Rise
01:41:09  Rep. Dickenson
01:41:29  Mr. Ames
01:41:43  Rep. Dickenson
Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:57 Rep. Grinde
01:44:04 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON HB 368

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:13 Rep. John Fleming (D), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 368, Allow partial list of fees on grain placard -- warehouse Ops & commodity dealers.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:16 Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Agriculture
01:48:27 Chris Christiaens, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:49:20 Rep. Regier
01:49:55 Mr. Clairmont
01:50:31 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

01:50:42 Rep. Fleming
01:50:46 Chairman Jopek
ADJOURNMENT

01:51:05 Adjournment: 4:51 p.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (agh21aad.pdf)