

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on April 11, 2017 at 3:18 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 63, 4/7/2017

Executive Action: HB 614 - Be Concurred In
SR 63 - Be Adopted

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 614

00:00:52 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** on **HB 614**.

Discussion:

00:01:19 Sen. Lang
00:01:32 Sen. Smith

00:01:48 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.
00:01:52 Sen. Olszewski entered the meeting.

00:01:55 Sen. Salomon

00:02:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-2 by roll call vote with Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

00:02:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 614 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 9-2 by voice vote with Sen. MacDonald and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Moore, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Sands voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 31

00:03:49 Chairman Hoven
00:04:11 Sen. Caferro
00:04:15 Chairman Hoven

00:04:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hoven moved to not hold a hearing on SR 31. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXHIBIT(ags76a01)

00:04:50 Chairman Hoven turned the Chair over to Vice Chair Swandal.

HEARING ON SR 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:55 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SR 63, Confirm Governor's appointees to livestock boards and board of milk control.

EXHIBIT(ags76a02)

Board of Livestock

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:05 Jim Brown, executive director, Montana Wool Growers Association
00:07:13 Nicole Rolf, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:07:51 Kori Anderson, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana CattleWomen
00:08:24 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Montana Milk Producers Association
00:08:30 Sen. Sands entered the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:09:16 Nina Baucus, appointee

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Livestock Loss Board

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:28 Butch Gillespie, self, husband of appointee
EXHIBIT(ags76a03)

00:14:21 Seth Wilson, appointee
00:15:53 George Edwards, executive director, Livestock Loss Board
00:16:45 Jim Brown, executive director, Montana Wool Growers Association
00:17:20 Nicole Rolf, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
00:17:48 Kori Anderson, lobbyist, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana CattleWomen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:47 Sen. Lang
00:19:12 Mr. Gillespie, self

Board of Milk Control

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:23 Sen. Hoven
00:19:44 Erik Somerfeld, appointee
00:20:43 Krista Lee Evans, lobbyist, Montana Milk Producers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Informational Testimony: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:32 Sen. Hoven

00:22:06 Sen. Hoven resumed the role as Chairman.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 63

00:22:25 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **SR 63 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

00:22:30 Sen. Olszewski

00:23:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Moore and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

00:23:20 Chairman Hoven

00:23:44 Sen. Sands

00:24:27 Chairman Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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