

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Mike Lang, on January 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Frank Smith, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Osmundson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jack Racicot, 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 56, 1/4/2019; SB 57, 1/4/2019; SB 67, 1/4/2019; SB 68,
1/4/2019

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:40 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 56, Repeal meat and poultry inspection appeals process.

EXHIBIT(ags04a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:59 Mike Honeycutt, executive officer, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

15:12:51 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:44 Sen. Gillespie

15:14:17 Sen. Smith entered the room.

15:14:24 Mr. Honeycutt, MDOL

Closing by Sponsor:

15:16:44 Sen. Ellis

HEARING ON SB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:17:46 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 57, Revise meat and poultry inspection laws in line with federal standards.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:20:10 Mike Honeycutt, executive officer, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:23:21 Sen. Salomon

15:23:32 Mr. Honeycutt, MDOL

15:23:55 Chair Lang

15:24:36 Mr. Honeycutt

15:25:49 Chair Lang

15:25:56 Sen. Gillespie

15:26:16 Mr. Honeycutt

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:28 Sen. Ellis

HEARING ON SB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:27:02 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 67, Revise reference to deposit of aerial hunting permit fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:00 Mike Honeycutt, executive officer, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

15:30:48 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:31:29 Sen. Webber

15:31:48 Mr. Honeycutt, MDOL

15:32:40 Sen. Salomon

15:32:57 Mr. Honeycutt

15:33:13 Sen. Salomon

15:33:27 Mr. Honeycutt

15:33:49 Sen. Hoven entered the room.

15:34:10 Chair Lang

15:35:22 Mr. Honeycutt

15:36:01 Chair Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

15:36:31 Sen. Gillespie

15:36:53 Chair Lang turned the duties of the chair to Sen. Hoven.

HEARING ON SB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:37:13 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 68, Remove residency requirements for aerial hunting permits.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:37:56 Mike Honeycutt, executive officer, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

15:39:39 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:37 Sen. Salomon

15:40:50 Mr. Honeycutt, MDOL

15:41:18 Chair Hoven

15:41:21 Sen. Ellis
15:42:04 Mr. Honeycutt
15:42:30 Sen. Ellis
15:42:55 Mr. Honeycutt
15:45:13 Chair Hoven
15:45:18 Sen. Webber
15:45:42 Mr. Honeycutt
15:46:39 Sen. Webber
15:47:14 Mr. Honeycutt
15:47:39 Sen. Webber
15:47:51 Mr. Honeycutt
15:47:59 Sen. Lang
15:49:09 Mr. Honeycutt
15:50:07 Chair Hoven
15:50:12 Sen. Smith
15:50:54 Mr. Honeycutt
15:51:48 Sen. Smith
15:52:42 Mr. Honeycutt

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:08 Sen. Gillespie

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:54 PM

Jack Racicot, Secretary

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