

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on February 21, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317  
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:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch  
Charlene Devine, 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: HB 132, 2/18/2019; SB 271, 2/18/2019  
Executive Action: SB 230, Do Pass; SB 271, Do Pass

15:06:34 Chair Hoven

**HEARING ON SB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:07:50 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 271, Revise laws for boiler traction engines.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:09:14 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:09:43 Sen. MacDonald  
15:10:07 Sen. Lang  
15:10:34 Sen. Webber  
15:10:59 Mr. Younkin, DLI  
15:11:42 Sen. Salomon  
15:12:00 Mr. Younkin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:12:23 Sen. Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271**

15:13:43 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **SB 271 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:13:57 Sen. MacDonald

15:14:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Bogner, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 230**

15:15:22 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **SB 230 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:15:40 Sen. Salomon  
15:16:19 Chair Hoven  
15:16:49 Sen. Lang  
15:17:16 Chair Hoven  
15:17:52 Sen. Gillespie  
15:18:09 Chair Hoven  
15:18:31 Sen. MacDonald

15:19:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Hoven and Sen. Lang voting no. Sen. Bogner, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

**HEARING ON HB 132**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:20:00 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 132, Clarify definition of bison.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:20:55 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
 15:23:15 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association  
 15:25:06 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
 15:27:28 Abigail St Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association  
 15:29:07 Dan McGowan, Montana Association of Conservation Districts  
 15:30:13 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association  
 15:30:36 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana  
 15:30:57 Jerry Collins, Garfield County  
 15:34:49 Sen. Bogner entered the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:35:12 Dagmar Riddle, self  
 15:36:18 Mike Volesky, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)  
 15:39:44 Stephany Seay, self  
 15:40:04 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, National Parks Conservation, American Prairie Reserve, Defenders of Wildlife  
 15:40:41 Sen. Ellis entered the hearing.  
 15:41:19 Sen. Osmundson entered the hearing.  
 15:41:38 Don Woerner, self  
 15:42:34 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon  
 15:43:48 Phoebe Wagner, self  
 15:44:08 Josef Gavette, self  
 15:44:33 Jaedin Medicine Elk, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:45:27 Sen. MacDonald  
 15:45:59 Ms. Seaman, Montana Audubon  
 15:46:25 Sen. Webber  
 15:47:05 Rep. Holmlund  
 15:47:27 Sen. Webber  
 15:47:30 Rep. Holmlund  
 15:47:40 Sen. Olszewski entered the hearing.  
 15:47:58 Sen. Salomon  
 115:51:06 Mr. Volesky, FWP  
 15:51:18 Sen. Smith  
 15:55:10 Mr. Rittal, MACo

15:55:30 Sen. MacDonald  
 15:56:02 Mr. Rittal  
 15:56:36 Sen. MacDonald  
 15:57:21 Mr. Woerner, self  
 15:58:15 Sen. Webber  
 15:58:46 Mr. Rittal  
 15:59:12 Mr. Volesky  
 15:59:29 Sen. Webber  
 16:00:05 Mr. Volesky  
 16:01:43 Sen. Ellis  
 16:04:13 Mr. Volesky  
 16:04:34 Sen. Lang  
 16:05:08 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division  
 16:06:00 Sen. Lang  
 16:06:22 Mr. Rittal  
 16:08:27 Chair Hoven  
 16:08:44 Mr. Rittal  
 16:09:10 Sen. Ellis  
 16:09:27 Sen. Lang  
 16:10:07 Mr. Volesky  
 16:11:00 Sen. Lang  
 16:11:26 Sen. Webber  
 16:12:31 Mr. Volesky  
 16:14:08 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:14:34 Mr. Volesky

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:15:00 Rep. Holmlund

**Discussion:**

16:15:56 Chair Hoven  
 16:17:15 Rep. Fred Anderson, HD 20  
 16:17:42 Chair Hoven  
 16:17:49 Sen. MacDonald  
 16:18:01 Sen. Olszewski  
 16:18:45 Sen. MacDonald  
 16:19:17 Chair Hoven  
 16:19:31 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:19:46 Sen. Olszewski  
 16:20:00 Chair Hoven  
 16:20:35 Sen. Olszewski  
 16:21:04 Ms. Rolf, MFBF  
 15:06:34 Chair Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:21 PM

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT**([ags37aad.pdf](#))