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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on March 14, 2019 at 3:00 P.M., 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. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 320, 2/27/2019; HB 381, 3/11/2019; HB 520, 3/11/2019; HB 586, 3/11/2019

Executive Action: HB 132 Be Concurred In As Amended

15:01:07 Chair Hoven

15:01:20 Sen. Gillespie left the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 520

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:32 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 520, Revise funding for livestock loss board.

15:02:20 Sen. Salomon entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:29 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:05:03 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association

15:06:14 Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

15:06:38 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union

15:07:13 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana CattleWomen

15:08:21 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags52a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ags52a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Sen. Olszewski left the hearing.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:25 Sen. Lang

15:13:59 Rep. Shaw

15:14:18 Chair Hoven

15:14:36 Rep. Shaw

15:14:46 Chair Hoven

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:06 Rep. Shaw

15:24:38 Chair Hoven left the hearing. Vice Chair Lang assumed the duties of the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 381

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:24:41 Rep. David Dunn (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 381, Revise THC limit in industrial hemp.

[EXHIBIT\(ags52a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:27:10 Ben Thomas, director, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

15:30:33 Sen. Ellis entered the hearing.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:31:14 Sen. Salomon
15:31:45 Rep. Dunn
15:32:11 Sen. Salomon
15:32:24 Rep. Dunn
15:32:58 Chair Lang
15:33:17 Mr. Thomas, MDA
15:33:45 Chair Lang
15:34:32 Mr. Thomas
15:35:10 Chair Lang
15:35:32 Mr. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

15:36:21 Rep. Dunn

HEARING ON HB 586

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:37:48 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 586, Revise laws related to state labs.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:40:14 Brian Ohs, Montana Stockgrowers Association; Montana CattleWomen
15:41:22 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation; also speaking for Krista Lee Evans, Montana Milk Producers
15:42:49 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:43:32 Garrett Bacon, leasing officer, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:43:57 Sen. Salomon
15:44:24 Rep. Hamlett
15:45:48 Sen. Webber
15:46:11 Rep. Hamlett
15:46:35 Chair Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

15:47:02 Rep. Hamlett

HEARING ON SB 320

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:48:04 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 320, Clarify laws regarding cost of care for animals seized.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:49:43 Rep. Eric Moore, HD 37

15:51:41 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties

15:52:09 Sen. MacDonald entered the hearing.

15:53:51 Rebecca Meyers, Missoula County

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15:55:31 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

16:00:37 Brandon Harris, undersheriff, Broadwater County Sheriff's Office; Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

16:04:37 Charlotte Lauerman, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:05:33 Sen. Ellis

16:06:01 Sen. Salomon

16:06:08 Ms. Jones, MCAA

16:06:46 Sen. Ellis

16:07:00 Ms. Jones

16:07:21 Sen. MacDonald

16:08:02 Sen. Salomon

16:09:54 Sen. MacDonald

16:10:10 Sen. Salomon

16:10:35 Sen. Webber

16:11:04 Ms. Jones

16:12:07 Sen. Webber

16:12:21 Ms. Jones

16:12:26 Sen. Webber

Closing by Sponsor:

16:12:41 Sen. Salomon

16:14:56 Recess

16:17:38 Reconvene

16:17:56 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 132

16:18:26 Chair Lang

16:18:30 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **HB 132 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:18:44 Sen. Ellis

16:19:02 **Motion:** Sen. Ellis moved that **HB 132 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:19:11 Sen. Ellis

16:19:21 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

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16:20:32 Sen. Ellis

[EXHIBIT\(ags52a06\)](#)

16:25:18 Chair Lang

16:25:24 Sen. Salomon

16:25:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. MacDonald, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Webber voting aye. Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Hoven, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:26:56 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **HB 132 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(ags52a07\)](#)

Discussion:

16:27:11 Chair Lang

16:27:25 Sen. Ellis

16:27:50 Sen. Salomon

16:28:03 Sen. Ellis

16:28:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. MacDonald, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Hoven, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:29:15 **Motion:** Sen. Webber moved that **HB 132 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

16:29:32 Sen. Webber

16:31:40 Sen. Salomon

16:31:51 Chair Lang

16:32:53 Sen. Smith

16:34:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. MacDonald, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Hoven, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:34:51 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **HB 132 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:35:01 Sen. Olszewski entered the hearing.

Discussion:

16:35:06 Sen. Ellis

16:35:33 Sen. Webber

16:36:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. MacDonald, Sen. F. Smith and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Hoven and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

16:37:07 Chair Lang

16:37:28 Mr. Mohr, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 PM

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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