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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on March 26, 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)

Members Excused: Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jacelyn Stewart, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

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 332, 3/25/2019

HEARING ON HB 332**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:06:01 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 332, Require county approval to relocate bison.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:17 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
15:09:13 Kori Anderson, Montana Stockgrowers Association
15:09:45 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)
15:10:56 Jerry Collins, Garfield County commissioner

Opponents' Testimony:

15:11:26 Mike Volesky, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
15:16:03 Grant Stafne, Fort Peck Tribe
15:20:56 Dan Wenner, attorney, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Inner Tribal Buffalo Council
15:24:46 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF); National Wildlife Federation; Greater Yellowstone Coalition
15:28:26 Iko'tsimiskimaki Beck, Indigenous Organizers Coalition of Montana
15:28:57 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network
15:29:20 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
15:29:36 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(ags62a01)**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:32:17 Sen. Gillespie
15:32:41 Ms. St. Lawrence, RMSGGA
15:33:47 Sen. Gillespie
15:33:55 Sen. Smith
15:35:06 Rep. Kassmier
15:35:25 Sen. MacDonald
15:38:02 Mr. Volesky, FWP
15:38:28 Sen. Lang
15:39:58 Mr. Stafne, Fort Peck Tribe
15:40:24 Sen. Lang
15:41:36 Mr. Wenner, attorney
15:41:44 Sen. Gillespie
15:42:43 Mr. Lamb, MWF
15:43:00 Mr. Wenner
15:44:05 Sen. Lang
15:47:19 Ms. Seaman, Montana Audubon
15:47:43 Sen. MacDonald
15:48:28 Mr. Stafne
15:49:58 Sen. Gillespie
15:50:48 Mr. Stafne
15:51:30 Sen. Gillespie

15:52:20 Mr. Stafne
15:52:29 Chair Hoven
15:54:32 Mr. Volesky
15:55:13 Chair Hoven
15:56:12 Rep. Kassmier

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:30 Rep. Kassmier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:56 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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