

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Joshua Kassmier, on January 26, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch
Rachael Foe, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 26, 1/22/2021; SB 27, 1/22/2021

15:02:30 Rep. Anderson joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:41 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 26, Clarify use of tribal agreements for livestock producers within reservations.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:55 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

15:06:44 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

EXHIBIT(agh17a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:17 Sen. Gillespie

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:10:00 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 27, Allow multiplier reimbursement for loss of livestock.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:13:17 Ron Devlin, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

15:15:39 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:17:01 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:18:00 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

15:18:35 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

EXHIBIT(agh17a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:39 Vice Chair Dooling

15:22:17 George Edwards, LLB

15:23:28 Rep. Walsh

15:25:08 Sen. Gillespie

15:25:32 Rep. Curdy

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:12 Sen. Gillespie

15:28:10	Vice Chair Olsen
15:31:00	Chair Kassmier
15:31:18	Rep. Beard
15:31:32	Chair Kassmier
15:31:44	Vice Chair Olsen
15:33:00	Chair Kassmier
15:33:11	Rep. Malone
15:33:29	Chair Kassmier
15:33:59	Rep. Walsh
15:34:26	Chair Kassmier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:35:34

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh17aad.pdf](#))