

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on January 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch  
Cole Monte, 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:** Organizational Meeting

15:02:14 Chair Lang

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

15:03:52 Sen. Webber

15:04:53 Chair Lang

15:05:55 Sen. O'Brien

15:07:01 Chair Lang

15:07:10 Sen. Ellis

15:07:55 Sen. Boldman

15:08:36 Sen. Bogner

15:09:08 Sen. Gillespie

15:09:39 Chair Lang

15:09:50 Sen. Salomon

15:10:18 Sen. Hoven

15:10:42 Sen. Sales

15:12:18 Chair Lang

15:16:10 Chair Lang

15:16:36 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

15:18:32 Chair Lang

15:18:46 Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary

15:19:26 Chair Lang

**PRESENTATIONS:**

15:19:42 Mike Honeycutt, executive officer, Department of Livestock (DOL)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:33:55 Chair Lang

15:34:02 Sen. Hoven

15:34:11 Mr. Honeycutt, DOL

15:35:51 Sen. Gillespie

15:36:32 Mr. Honeycutt

15:39:33 Sen. Webber

15:40:24 Mr. Honeycutt

15:42:04 Sen. Webber

15:42:54 Mr. Honeycutt

15:46:11 Sen. Webber

15:47:04 Mr. Honeycutt

15:47:21 Sen. Bogner

15:47:34 Mr. Honeycutt

15:48:52 Sen. Hoven

15:49:09 Mr. Honeycutt

15:50:52 Chair Lang

15:51:36 Mr. Honeycutt

15:53:36 Chair Lang

15:54:09 Mr. Honeycutt

15:55:59 Chair Lang  
15:56:07 Sen. O'Brien  
15:56:54 Mr. Honeycutt  
15:57:34 Chair Lang  
15:59:12 Michael Foster, director, Department of Agriculture (MDA)  
16:09:45 Chair Lang

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:09:55 Sen. Gillespie  
16:10:28 Christy Clark, MDA  
16:12:54 Chair Lang  
16:14:01 Mr. Foster, MDA  
16:14:57 Sen. Webber  
16:15:23 Mr. Foster  
16:16:16 Ms. Clark  
16:17:01 Sen. O'Brien  
16:17:38 Chair Lang  
16:18:27 Mr. Foster

16:18:39 Chair Lang

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

16:19:09 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
16:21:11 Rachel Cone, MFBF  
16:22:14 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)  
16:23:15 Raylee Honeycutt, MSGA  
16:23:55 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agriculture Resale Association

16:25:55 Chair Lang

**RULES AND PROCEDURES:**

16:26:11 Mr. Mohr, LSD

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**Discussion:**

16:32:56 Chair Lang  
16:33:09 Sen. Webber  
16:36:46 Chair Lang  
16:37:36 Sen. Salomon  
16:38:00 Chair Lang  
16:38:18 Sen. Webber  
16:39:32 Cole Monte, remote meeting coordinator (RMC)  
16:40:00 Chair Lang  
16:40:38 Sen. Salomon  
16:41:00 Chair Lang  
16:41:15 Mr. Monte, RMC  
16:42:28 Hoven  
16:42:43 Chair Lang  
16:44:17 Sen. Ellis  
16:44:26 Se. Webber

16:45:16 Chair Lang

16:45:42 Sen. Ellis

16:46:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Salomon moved that **SECTION II(D) AND SECTION I(B)(7) BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Discussion:**

16:47:02 Sen. Ellis

16:47:47 Chair Lang

16:48:07 Sen. Salomon

16:48:31 Chair Lang

16:48:54 Sen. Ellis

16:49:49 Chair Lang

16:50:15 Sen. Hoven

16:50:57 Chair Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:51 P.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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