

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner, on January 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

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:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 26, 1/5/2021; SB 27, 1/5/2021

HEARING ON SB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:55 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB26, Clarify use of tribal agreements for livestock producers within reservations.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:48 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

[EXHIBIT\(ags07a01\)](#)

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(ags07a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:08:00 John Kramer, rancher

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:11:39 Sen. Salomon
15:12:08 Sen. Gillespie
15:12:32 Mr. Edwards, (LLB)
15:13:35 Sen. Webber
15:14:02 Mr. Edwards
15:14:48 Sen. O'Brien
15:15:23 Mr. Edwards
15:15:59 Sen. Lang
15:16:13 Sen. Hoven
15:16:47 Mr. Edwards
15:17:19 Sen. Hoven
15:17:33 Mr. Edwards

Closing by Sponsor:

15:18:25 Sen. Gillespie

HEARING ON SB 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:57 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB27, Allow multiplier reimbursement for loss of livestock.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:20 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association
15:25:25 Ron Devlin, Montana Woolgrowers Association
15:28:41 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:31:45 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

[EXHIBIT\(ags07a03\)](#)

15:36:19 Alex Few, Western Landowners Alliance

EXHIBIT(ags07a04)

15:40:50 John Kramer, rancher

Additional testimony received:

EXHIBIT(ags07a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:44:20 Will Graveley, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:41 Sen. Salomon
15:47:18 Sen. Gillespie
15:48:08 Sen. Salomon
15:48:27 Sen. Gillespie
15:48:41 Sen. Lang
15:49:10 Mr. Edwards, LLB
15:49:27 Sen. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

15:50:19 Sen. Gillespie

15:52:54 Chair Bogner
15:53:32 Sen. Boldman
15:53:46 Sen. Lang
15:53:55 Chair Bogner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:54 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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