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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner, on January 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. 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. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (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:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 58, 1/6/2021

Executive Action: SB 26, SB 27, SB 58

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:02:58 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 58, Provide fund transfer for livestock losses.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:06:35 Rep. Josh Kassmier, HD 27

16:07:33 Ron Devlin, Montana Wool Growers Association

16:08:59 Nicole Rolf, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

16:10:23 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

EXHIBIT(ags09a01)

16:12:56 Seth Wilson, LLB

EXHIBIT(ags09a02)

16:15:28 Sen. Ellis entered the meeting by Zoom video conference.

16:16:08 Brooke Shifrin, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

EXHIBIT(ags09a03)

16:17:46 John Anderson, Ruby Dell Ranch

16:20:45 Zach Bodhane, Western Landowner Alliance

EXHIBIT(ags09a04)

Additional testimony received:

EXHIBIT(ags09a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:23:57 Sen. Salomon

16:24:20 Sen. Cuffe

16:24:40 Mr. Edwards, LLB

16:25:14 Sen. Ellis

16:25:40 Sen. Cuffe

16:26:43 Sen. Gillespie

16:28:05 Mr. Anderson, Ruby Dell Ranch

16:29:54 Sen. Lang

16:30:35 Mr. Edwards

16:30:58 Sen. Lang

16:31:30 Sen. Webber

16:32:18 Mr. Edwards

16:32:54 Sen. Sales

16:33:34 Mr. Anderson

16:35:56 Sen. Sales

16:36:19 Mr. Anderson

Closing by Sponsor:

16:37:38 Sen. Cuffe

16:41:44 Chair Bogner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 26

16:41:59 **Motion:** Sen. Sales moved that **SB 26 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:42:23 Sen. Lang

16:42:35 Chair Bogner

16:42:48 Sen. Salomon

16:42:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 27

16:43:23 **Motion:** Sen. Sales moved that **SB 27 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:43:32 Chair Bogner

16:43:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

Discussion:

16:44:03 Sen. Sales

16:44:16 Sen. Webber

16:44:17 Sen. Sales

16:44:21 **Motion:** Sen. Sales moved that **SB 58 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:44:41 Sen. Ellis

16:45:22 Jason Mohr, Legislative Service Division

16:45:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

16:46:14 Chair Bogner

16:46:31 Sen. Lang

16:46:59 Olivia Hopkins, committee secretary

16:47:19 Sen. Lang

16:48:02 Chair Bogner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:48 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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