

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on January 21, 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. 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. 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  
Monte Cole, 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 98, 1/15/2021

15:03:16 Chair Lang  
15:05:05 Sen. Webber  
15:05:09 Sen. Webber left the meeting.

**HEARING ON SB 98**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:05:19 Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB98, Revising laws related to grizzly bear take in defense of persons and livestock.

15:07:47 Chair Lang

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:10:12 Shelby DeMars, United Property Owners of Montana

15:11:44 Calon Yeager, rancher

15:12:18 Sen. Bogner entered the meeting.

15:15:52 Trina Bradley, rancher

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a01\)](#)**

15:19:11 Steve Skelton, rancher

15:23:31 Dave McEwen, rancher

15:27:29 Shanun Rammell, rancher

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a02\)](#)**

15:31:35 Sen. Lang

15:32:40 Ross Morgan, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association

15:33:51 Jamie Rammell, rancher

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a03\)](#)**

Additional testimony received:

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a04\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:38:38 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a05\)](#)**

15:41:55 Erin Edge, Defenders of Wildlife (DOW)

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a06\)](#)**

15:44:21 Brooke Shifrin, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

15:46:11 Diana Lakeland, Mountain Lion Foundation

15:49:24 Carmen Borchelt, Montana Audubon

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a07\)](#)**

Additional testimony received:

**[EXHIBIT\(ags14a08\)](#)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:51:53 Sen. Hoven  
 15:52:58 Sen. Gillespie  
 15:56:25 Sen. O'Brien  
 15:58:26 Chair Lang  
 15:59:13 Sen. Webber  
 16:01:08 Sen. Ellis  
 16:02:22 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:04:54 Sen. Ellis  
 16:05:35 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:06:52 Sen. Ellis  
 16:07:19 Mr. Gevock, MWF  
 16:09:27 Sen. Ellis  
 16:10:02 Mr. Gevock  
 16:11:14 Sen. Sales  
 16:11:58 Mr. Gevock  
 16:12:37 Sen. Sales  
 16:14:12 Mr. Gevock  
 16:15:32 Sen. Bogner  
 16:16:06 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:19:26 Sen. Bogner  
 16:20:08 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:20:36 Chair Lang  
 16:20:40 Sen. Hoven  
 16:21:14 Ms. Edge, DOW  
 16:21:31 Sen. Hoven  
 16:21:51 Ms. Edge  
 16:22:27 Chair Lang  
 16:23:12 Mr. Gevock

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:23:57 Sen. Gillespie  
 16:25:00 Chair Lang  
 16:25:46 Sen. Boland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:26 P.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

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