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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
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 131, 1/26/2021; HB 93, 2/2/2021

15:52:06 Chair Lang

HEARING ON HB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:52:24 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 93, Expand materials certified under noxious weed seed free program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:54:27 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:55:35 Ian Foley, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

[EXHIBIT\(ags22a01\)](#)

15:57:31 David Burch, president, Montana Weed Control Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags22a02\)](#)

15:59:34 Cort Jensen, MDA

[EXHIBIT\(ags22a03\)](#)

16:00:46 Christy Clark, deputy director, MDA

[EXHIBIT\(ags22a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:01:38 Sen. Sales

16:01:42 Sen. Salomon entered the meeting.

16:02:13 Mr. Jensen

16:03:14 Sen. Hoven

16:03:50 Sen. Gillespie entered the meeting.

16:03:52 Mr. Foley

16:04:37 Sen. Hoven

16:04:59 Mr. Foley

16:05:30 Chair Lang

16:05:58 Mr. Foley

16:07:26 Chair Lang

16:08:00 Mr. Foley

16:08:36 Chair Lang

16:09:11 Sen. Sales

16:09:37 Mr. Foley

16:10:07 Sen. Webber

16:10:15 Sen. Ellis entered the meeting.

16:11:01 Mr. Jensen
16:12:21 Sen. Webber
16:12:30 Mr. Foley, MDA
16:13:07 Chair Lang
16:13:21 Mr. Foley
16:13:57 Chair Lang
16:14:56 Mr. Foley
16:15:26 Sen. Sales
16:15:59 Mr. Jensen

Closing by Sponsor:

16:17:29 Rep. Walsh

HEARING ON SB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:18:22 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 131, Provide milk price forward contacts.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:19:17 Krista Lee Evans, Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:23:10 Chad Lee, Department of Livestock, Milk Control Bureau (DOL)

[EXHIBIT\(ags22a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:23:48 Sen. Gillespie
16:24:30 Ms. Evans, MMPA
16:24:48 Sen. Sales
16:25:24 Ms. Evans
16:26:10 Sen. Sales
16:26:24 Ms. Evans
16:27:28 Chair Lang
16:27:36 Ms. Evans
16:27:44 Sen. Hoven
16:28:09 Ms. Evans
16:28:48 Sen. O'Brien
16:29:18 Ms. Evans
16:30:02 Sen. Gillespie
16:30:13 Ms. Evans
16:30:42 Sen. Hoven
16:31:02 Ms. Evans
16:31:12 Sen. Hoven
16:31:35 Ms. Evans
16:32:46 Mr. Lee, DOL
16:33:41 Chair Lang
16:33:53 Mr. Lee

16:34:15 Sen. Ellis

16:34:43 Mr. Lee

Closing by Sponsor:

16:35:17 Sen. Salomon

16:36:47 Chair Lang

16:37:16 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

16:37:25 Sen. Salomon

16:37:41 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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