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MONTANA SENATE
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 11, 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. 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. Janet Ellis (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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 63, 2/4/2021; SR 64, 2/4/2021; SR 65, 2/4/2021; SR 66, 2/4/2021; SR 67, 2/4/2021; SR 68, 2/4/2021

15:03:25   Sen. Bogner assumed the duties of the chair.

HEARING ON SR 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:03:31   Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 63, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Livestock.
EXHIBIT(ags29a01)

Proponents' Testimony:
15:04:12   Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
15:05:30   Lawrence Alan Redfield, appointee
15:06:36   Gene Curry, appointee
EXHIBIT(ags29a02)

15:08:00   Rep. Wylie Galt, HD 30
15:08:40   Rep. Marty Malone, HD 59
15:09:32   Sen. John Esp, SD 30
15:10:05   Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
15:12:05   Jim Steinbeisser, president, Montana Stockgrowers Association
EXHIBIT(ags29a03)

15:15:25   Dave McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:16:32   Sen. Webber
15:17:18   Sen. Gillespie
15:18:01   Mr. Curry, appointee
15:21:37   Sen. Sales
15:22:14   Mr. Redfield, appointee
15:25:25   Chair Bogner
15:25:29   Mr. Redfield
15:27:08   Sen. Hoven
15:27:17   Mr. Redfield
15:28:25   Sen. Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:
15:28:58   Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SR 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:29:53   Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 64, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Hail Insurance.
EXHIBIT(ags29a04)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:31:27   Sen. Ellis
15:32:33   Sen. Lang

Proponents' Testimony:
15:33:17   Christy Clark, Department of Agriculture

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:33:47   Sen. Webber
15:34:22   Sen. Gillespie
15:35:01   Sen. Ellis

Closing by Sponsor:
15:35:19   Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SR 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:35:43   Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 65, Confirm Governor's
               appointee to the Board of Hail Insurance.
EXHIBIT(ags29a05)

Proponents' Testimony:
15:36:07   Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

15:37:16   Bing Von Bergen, appointee
15:40:24   Alison Vergeront, Montana Grain Growers Association
15:41:17   Christy Clark, Department of Agriculture
15:42:06   Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
15:43:46   Sen. Hoven
15:44:24   Mr. Von Bergen, appointee

Closing by Sponsor:
15:47:05   Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SR 66

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
15:47:32   Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 66, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Livestock Loss Board.
EXHIBIT(ags29a06)

Proponents' Testimony:
15:48:21   Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
15:49:53   Doreen Gillespie, appointee
15:51:20   Joseph Kipp, appointee
15:53:59   Sen. John Esp, SD 30
15:55:13   Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
15:56:44   Jim Steinbeisser, president, Montana Stockgrowers Association
EXHIBIT(ags29a07)

15:57:52   George Edwards, executive director, Livestock Loss Board
16:00:00   David McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
16:02:18   Sen. Gillespie
16:02:53   Chair Bogner

Closing by Sponsor:
16:03:01   Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SR 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
16:03:29   Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 67, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Livestock.
EXHIBIT(ags29a08)

Proponents' Testimony:
16:04:23   Gilles Stockton, appointee

Opponents' Testimony:
16:09:47   David McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:
16:10:43   Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SR 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:
16:11:09   Sen. Dan Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR 68, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Milk Control.
EXHIBIT(ags29a09)

Proponents' Testimony:
16:11:59   Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras
16:13:32   Ken Bryan, appointee
EXHIBIT(ags29a10)

16:14:30   Scott Mitchell, appointee
EXHIBIT(ags29a11)

16:16:29   Travis Stroh, appointee
EXHIBIT(ags29a12)

16:17:57   Chad Lee, Department of Livestock
EXHIBIT(ags29a13)

16:18:30   Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Additional Testimony Received:
EXHIBIT(ags29a14)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
16:21:05   Sen. Lang
16:21:35   Mr. Stroh, appointee
16:21:48   Sen. Gillespie

Closing by Sponsor:
16:22:34   Sen. Salomon

16:23:05   Sen. Lang assumed the duties of the chair.

16:23:09   Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:24 P.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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