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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
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)

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 209, 2/12/2021; SB 210, 2/12/2021

HEARING ON SB 210

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:37 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 210, Revise laws related to country of origin labeling.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:19 James Reavis, citizen

15:06:57 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a01\)](#)

15:09:28 Cole Mannix, Grow Montana Food Policy Coalition (GMFPC)

15:11:11 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

15:12:18 Wally Condgon, Montana Cattlemen's Association (MCA)

15:15:08 Sen. Bogner entered the meeting.

15:18:25 Richard Liebert, MCA

15:20:16 Ken Morris, MCA

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a02\)](#)

15:25:21 Newell Roche, MCA

15:28:08 Peter Mickelsen, citizen

15:30:03 Sen. Osmundson, Sen. Hoven, and Sen. Sales left the meeting.

15:31:40 Jamie Lockman, executive director, Montana Organic Association

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a03\)](#)

15:33:47 Rex Reilly, rancher, Stanford

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a04\)](#)

15:36:25 Jeanie Alderson, NPRC

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a05\)](#)

15:40:03 Jean Lemire Dahlman, rancher, Forsyth

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a06\)](#)

15:42:54 May Simmons, rancher, Polson

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a07\)](#)

15:44:14 Leo McDonnell, rancher, Columbus

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a08\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(ags34a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:48:46 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA)

15:52:00 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:55:29 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 15:57:42 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 15:59:10 Rebecca Mott, rancher, Custer
 16:00:13 Wes Jensen, rancher, Circle

EXHIBIT(ags34a10)

16:02:32 Casey Mott, rancher, Custer

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:12 Sen. Gillespie
 16:07:25 Mr. McDonnell, Columbus
 16:09:47 Sen. O'Brien
 16:11:08 Mr. Griffin, MRA
 16:12:17 Sen. O'Brien
 16:12:39 Mr. Griffin
 16:13:40 Chair Lang
 16:14:02 Sen. Webber
 16:14:30 Sen. Jacobson
 16:15:29 Sen. Ellis
 16:16:13 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 16:16:28 Sen. Ellis
 16:17:28 Ms. Alderson, NPRC
 16:19:56 Sen. Ellis
 16:20:14 Mr. Mohr, LSD
 16:20:51 Sen. Salomon
 16:21:31 Ms. Sellers, NPRC
 16:23:05 Ms. Honeycutt, MSGA
 16:24:20 Sen. Salomon
 16:24:35 Mr. Griffin
 16:26:06 Chair Lang
 16:27:19 Ms. Prevost, MFU
 16:27:51 Chair Lang
 16:28:09 Ms. Rolf, MFBF
 16:29:54 Chair Lang
 16:30:17 Sen. Gillespie
 16:31:46 Sen. Ellis
 16:32:26 Mr. McDonnell
 16:34:23 Sen. Gillespie
 16:35:19 Mr. McDonnell
 16:35:49 Sen. Boldman
 16:36:14 Mr. Mannix, GMFPC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:37:49 Sen. Jacobson
 16:40:31 Recess
 16:50:53 Reconvene

16:50:55 Chair Lang

HEARING ON SB 209

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:51:05 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 209, Limit all commercial marijuana cultivation to enclosed indoor settings.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:55:32 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

16:56:08 Wally Condgon, citizen

16:58:09 Morgan Elliott, IND HEMP

EXHIBIT(ags34a11)

17:00:58 Cort Jensen, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

EXHIBIT(ags34a12)

Opponents' Testimony:

17:04:22 Erica Siate, Butte

17:09:29 Sen. Jacobson

17:10:02 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

17:11:19 Sen. Jacobson

17:11:47 Laurie Little Dog, Bozeman

EXHIBIT(ags34a13)

17:14:19 Jason Smith, Billings

17:15:28 Sen. Hoven entered the meeting.

17:19:23 Josh Butterfly, Great Falls

EXHIBIT(ags34a14)

17:22:37 Richard Abromeit, Montana Advanced Care Givers

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:26:03 Sen. Salomon

17:26:28 Ms. Elliott, IND HEMP

17:28:53 Sen. Bogner

17:29:35 Sen. Jacobson

17:29:44 Sen. Bogner

17:30:05 Sen. Jacobson

17:31:41 Sen. Boldman

17:32:23 Sen. Jacobson

17:32:34 Sen. Boldman

17:33:03 Sen. Jacobson

17:33:21 Chair Lang

17:33:48 Mr. Smith, Billings
17:35:20 Chair Lang
17:35:32 Mr. Jensen, MDA
17:36:29 Sen. Gillespie
17:37:34 Ms. Elliott
17:38:42 Sen. Ellis
17:39:27 Mr. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

17:41:43 Sen. Jacobson

17:42:13 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:43 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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