

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 23, 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. 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: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Cole Monte, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 270, 2/19/2021; SB 279, 2/19/2021; SJ 11, 2/19/2021

Executive Action: SB 210

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 210

15:00:32 Sen. Ellis entered the meeting.

15:00:35 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 210 DO PASS.**

15:00:51 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Salomon made a substitute motion that **SB 210 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Webber voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 209

15:01:56 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 209 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:02:21 Sen. Boldman

15:03:33 Chair Lang

15:04:09 Sen. Osmundson

15:04:34 Sen. Boldman

15:06:58 Chair Lang

15:07:13 Without objection, Sen. Bogner withdrew the DO PASS motion.

HEARING ON SJ 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:50 Sen. Ellie Boldman (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SJ 11, Resolution regarding products of the USA.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:48 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

15:09:31 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:10:31 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

15:11:04 Jeff Bangs, Montana Farmers Union

[EXHIBIT\(ags38a01\)](#)

15:12:15 Erik Somerfeld, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(ags38a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:15:19 Chair Lang

15:15:35 Mr. Bodner, MSGA

15:16:14 Sen. Gillespie

15:16:39 Sen. Boldman

15:17:41 Sen. Gillespie
15:18:46 Mr. Bodner
15:20:06 Chair Lang
15:20:55 Mr. Somerfeld, Montana Farmers Union, MFU

Closing by Sponsor:

15:23:16 Sen. Boldman

HEARING ON SB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:23:41 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 270, Revise valuation of commodities on state lands.

[EXHIBIT\(ags38a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:27:45 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Informational Testimony:

15:28:38 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(ags38a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:29:13 Sen. Sales
15:29:39 Mr. Thomas, DNRC
15:30:07 Sen. Sales
15:30:25 Mr. Thomas
15:31:43 Sen. Salomon
15:32:01 Mr. Thomas
15:32:30 Sen. Salomon
15:33:04 Mr. Thomas
15:33:13 Sen. O'Brien
15:33:28 Mr. Thomas
15:34:03 Sen. Gillespie
15:34:47 Mr. Thomas
15:35:12 Sen. Gillespie
15:36:12 Sen. Sales
15:37:07 Mr. Thomas
15:38:41 Chair Lang
15:38:54 Mr. Thomas
15:39:12 Chair Lang
15:39:20 Mr. Thomas
15:39:34 Chair Lang
15:39:44 Mr. Thomas
15:40:13 Chair Lang
15:40:25 Mr. Thomas
15:40:34 Chair Lang
15:41:31 Mr. Thomas

15:42:07 Sen. Sales
15:42:32 Sen. Hoven
15:43:08 Chair Lang
15:43:17 Mr. Thomas

Closing by Sponsor:

15:43:43 Sen. Hoven

HEARING ON SB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:44:45 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB279, Revise laws related to meatpacking exemptions.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:50:48 Sen. Steve Hinebauch, SD 18
15:54:50 Rep. Jerry Schillinger, HD 37

Opponents' Testimony:

15:58:43 Mike Honeycutt, executive director, Montana Board of Livestock (MDOL)

EXHIBIT(ags38a05)

16:07:16 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
16:09:46 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:12:10 Sen. Gillespie

16:12:11 Sen. Salomon left the meeting.

16:12:43 Sen. Hinebauch
16:13:17 Sen. Gillespie
16:13:32 Sen. Hinebauch
16:13:57 Sen. Ellis
16:14:17 Chair Lang
16:14:57 Sen. Bogner
16:16:16 Sen. Sales
16:16:42 Sen. Bogner
16:16:51 Sen. Sales
16:17:08 Sen. Bogner
16:17:42 Mr. Honeycutt, MDOL
16:19:26 Sen. Sales
16:19:40 Mr. Honeycutt
16:20:26 Chair Lang
16:21:29 Mr. Honeycutt
16:22:49 Chair Lang
16:23:04 Sen. Webber
16:23:46 Mr. Honeycutt

16:25:12 Sen. O'Brien
16:26:25 Mr. Honeycutt
16:28:06 Sen. Gillespie
16:29:14 Mr. Bodner, MSGA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:30:30 Sen. Bogner

16:31:32 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:32 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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