

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on March 16, 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. 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. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division  
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: HB 336, 3/12/2021; HB 433, 3/12/2021

Executive Action: HB 396, HJ 17, HB 318

**HEARING ON HB 336**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 15:10:38 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 336, Interstate cooperative meatpacking compact.
- 15:11:24 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 15:11:59 Mike Honeycutt, Montana Board of Livestock (MBOL)
- 15:14:15 Justin Iverson, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
- 15:15:05 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
- 15:17:51 MaKenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 15:19:15 Sen. Salomon
- 15:19:29 Mr. Iverson, MSGA
- 15:20:08 Sen. Gillespie
- 15:20:45 Mr. Honeycutt, MBOL
- 15:22:11 Sen. Gillespie
- 15:22:30 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:22:45 Sen. Gillespie
- 15:22:58 Sen. Sales
- 15:23:17 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:24:21 Sen. Sales
- 15:24:46 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:25:17 Sen. Sales
- 15:25:31 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:26:32 Chair Lang
- 15:26:51 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:27:30 Chair Lang
- 15:29:01 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:29:31 Sen. O'Brien
- 15:29:49 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:31:37 Sen. O'Brien
- 15:31:59 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:32:20 Sen. Ellis
- 15:33:24 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:33:40 Sen. Ellis
- 15:33:58 Mr. Honeycutt
- 15:34:37 Sen. Bogner
- 15:35:46 Rep. Ler
- 15:35:51 Sen. Bogner
- 15:35:55 Rep. Ler
- 15:36:17 Sen. Salomon
- 15:36:42 Mr. Honeycutt

15:38:18 Sen. Salomon  
15:39:18 Mr. Honeycutt  
15:39:44 Sen. Gillespie  
15:40:05 Mr. Honeycutt  
15:41:25 Sen. Gillespie  
15:41:56 Mr. Honeycutt  
15:43:15 Sen. Gillespie  
15:43:56 Mr. Honeycutt  
15:45:24 Sen. Sales  
15:46:05 Rep. Ler  
15:47:58 Sen. Sales  
15:48:50 Rep. Ler  
15:49:10 Sen. Sales  
15:49:35 Rep. Ler  
15:52:31 Chair Lang

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:52:36 Rep. Ler

**HEARING ON HB 433**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:53:58 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 433, Clarify position of brand for recording.

[EXHIBIT\(ags52a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:58:17 Sen. Steve Hinebauch, SD 18

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:58:57 Mike Honeycutt, Montana Board of Livestock (MBOL)

[EXHIBIT\(ags52a02\)](#)

16:04:33 Justin Iverson, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

16:06:11 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:07:09 Sen. Gillespie  
16:07:28 Mr. Iverson, MSGA  
16:07:36 Sen. Gillespie  
16:08:41 Mr. Iverson  
16:09:16 Sen. Gillespie  
16:09:46 Sen. O'Brien  
16:10:21 Rep. Ler  
16:11:39 Sen. Hoven  
16:11:58 Rep. Ler  
16:13:37 Chair Lang  
16:14:42 Sen. Hinebauch

16:16:58 Sen. Hoven  
16:17:29 Rep. Ler  
16:19:44 Chair Lang  
16:20:10 Mr. Honeycutt, MBOL  
16:21:15 Chair Lang  
16:21:52 Sen. Sales  
16:23:11 Sen. Bogner  
16:23:17 Rep. Ler  
16:23:50 Mr. Iverson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:24:21 Rep. Ler  
  
16:25:10 Chair Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 396**

16:26:57 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 396 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:27:11 Sen. Gillespie  
16:27:45 Sen. Sales  
  
16:28:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Jacobson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 17**

16:28:39 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HJ 17 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:29:05 Chair Lang  
16:29:12 Sen. O'Brien  
  
16:29:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Boldman was excused. Sen. O'Brien will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 318**

16:30:43 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 318 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:32:26 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 318 BE AMENDED.**

**[EXHIBIT\(ags52a03\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

16:33:32 Chair Lang  
16:34:21 Sen. Salomon  
16:35:03 Chair Lang  
16:35:23 Sen. Gillespie  
16:35:26 Chair Lang

16:35:40 Sen. Webber  
16:36:02 Chair Lang  
16:36:31 Sen. Gillespie  
16:37:02 Chair Lang

16:37:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

16:38:40 Chair Lang  
16:38:45 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

16:39:11 **Motion:** Sen. Webber moved that **HB 318 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(ags52a04)**

**Discussion:**

16:39:28 Sen. Webber  
  
16:41:35 Recess  
16:44:43 Reconvene

**Discussion:**

16:45:39 Sen. Webber  
16:46:03 Chair Lang  
16:46:12 Sen. Webber  
16:47:44 Sen. O'Brien  
16:48:32 Sen. Gillespie  
16:49:28 Sen. Hoven  
16:50:37 Chair Lang  
16:51:13 Sen. Webber

16:53:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Webber voting aye. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:54:29 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 318 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:55:05 Sen. Ellis  
16:57:58 Sen. O'Brien  
17:59:23 Chair Lang  
17:01:11 Sen. Gillespie  
17:01:44 Chair Lang

17:01:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

17:02:57 Chair Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:03 P.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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