

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kenneth Bogner, on March 18, 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. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (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 Services Division
Monte Cole, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 87, 3/15/2021; SR 89, 3/15/2021

Executive Action: SR 87, SR 89, SB 326, HB 433

HEARING ON SR 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:05:14 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR87, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Livestock.

EXHIBIT(ags54a01)

Proponents' Testimony for Mr. Feddes:

15:05:46 Jake Feddes, appointee

15:07:52 Liane Taylor, Governor's Office

15:08:38 Sen. O'Brien entered the meeting.

15:09:13 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:10:09 Mike Honeycutt, Montana Board of Livestock (MBOL)

15:11:18 John Grande, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony for Mr. Feddes: None

15:13:39 Sen. Lang

Proponents' Testimony for Mr. Wichman:

15:13:56 Greg Wichman, appointee

15:14:58 Mr. Honeycutt, MBOL

15:16:04 Ms. Rolf, MFBF

15:18:03 Mr. Grande, MSGA

15:18:31 David McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony for Mr. Wichman: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:57 Sen. Gillespie

15:20:03 Mr. Feddes, appointee

15:21:41 Sen. Gillespie

15:21:43 Mr. Wichman, appointee

15:23:02 Chair Bogner

15:23:25 Mr. Feddes

15:26:07 Sen. Sales

15:26:24 Mr. Feddes

15:26:42 Sen. Sales

15:27:38 Sen. Hoven

15:28:05 Mr. Wichman

15:29:38 Sen. Hoven

15:29:53 Mr. Wichman

15:31:05 Sen. O'Brien

15:31:24 Mr. Wichman

15:31:37 Sen. Ellis entered the meeting.

15:32:34 Sen. Gillespie
15:33:06 Mr. Feddes
15:34:17 Sen. Hoven
15:35:01 Mr. Feddes

Closing by Sponsor:

15:35:11 Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SR 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:36:23 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR89, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Hail Insurance.

EXHIBIT(ags54a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:37:08 Liane Taylor, Governor's Office
15:37:54 Vince Mattson, appointee
15:38:51 Christy Clark, Department of Agriculture
15:39:27 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
15:41:00 Michael Foster, Department of Agriculture
15:42:58 Alison Vergeront, Montana Grain Growers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:44:31 Sen. Gillespie
15:45:42 Mr. Mattson, appointee
15:46:27 Sen. Sales
15:46:44 Mr. Mattson
15:47:29 Sen. Sales

Closing by Sponsor:

15:48:07 Sen. Lang

15:49:03 Sen. Lang assumed the duties of the chair.

15:49:50 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 87

15:50:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SR 87 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Boldman was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 89

15:51:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SR 89 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Boldman was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 336

15:52:17 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 336 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:53:09 Without objection, Sen. Bogner withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN** motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 326

15:53:18 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 326 DO PASS.**

15:53:54 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 326 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ags54a03)

Discussion:

15:54:19 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:59:11 Chair Lang

15:59:45 Sen. Hoven

15:59:57 Mr. Mohr, LSD

16:00:19 Sen. Boldman entered the meeting.

16:01:03 Sen. Hoven

16:01:11 Mr. Mohr

16:01:15 Sen. Hoven

16:01:28 Mr. Mohr

16:01:32 Sen. Hoven

16:02:06 Sen. O'Brien

16:02:28 Chair Lang

16:02:42 Sen. Gillespie

16:02:59 Mr. Mohr

16:03:16 Sen. Gillespie

16:03:28 Chair Lang

16:03:47 Sen. Webber

16:03:51 Mr. Mohr

16:04:36 Sen. Webber

16:04:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

16:05:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 326 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

Discussion:

16:06:12 Chair Lang

16:06:26 Mr. Mohr

16:06:40 Chair Lang

16:07:08 Mr. Mohr

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433

16:07:59 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 433 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:08:06 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 433 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ags54a04)

Discussion:

16:08:29 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:10:14 Sen. Ellis

16:10:42 Chair Lang

16:10:53 Sen. O'Brien

16:11:01 Chair Lang

16:12:21 Sen. Gillespie

16:12:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:13:00 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 433 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:14:09 Sen. Gillespie

16:14:29 Chair Lang

16:14:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Boldman and Sen. Gillespie voting aye. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

16:15:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 433 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson was excused.

16:16:22 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:16 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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