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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 23, 2021 at 2:25 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

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 302, 3/22/2021

Executive Action: HB 336

15:26:42 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 336

15:27:06 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 336 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:27:23 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 336 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(ags57a01)

Discussion:

15:27:42 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

15:29:25 Sen. Salomon

15:29:47 Sen. Ellis and Sen. O'Brien entered the meeting.

15:29:48 Sen. Gillespie

15:30:19 Chair Lang

15:30:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

15:31:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 336 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Bogner will carry the bill.

15:32:15 Recess

15:34:00 Reconvene

15:34:02 Chair Lang

HEARING ON HB 302

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:34:14 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 302, Require county approval to relocate bison.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:42 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:38:09 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

15:39:47 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association

15:40:36 Carl Seilstad, citizen

15:41:19 Jason Rittal, Garfield County, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:43:38 Eric Melson, Montana Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

15:44:38 Adrian Jawoit, Montana Native Vote

15:47:12 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

15:51:34 Dalayah Killsback, Western Native Voice

15:53:19 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice

15:54:18 Kelli Twoteeth, Helena

15:55:03 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

EXHIBIT(ags57a02)

15:57:54 Chair Lang

15:58:08 Sen. Ellis

15:58:39 Chair Lang

15:59:37 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation

16:00:49 Ervin Carlson, InterTribal Buffalo Council

16:03:52 Amy McNamara, Natural Resource Defense Council

EXHIBIT(ags57a03)

16:05:41 Kit Fischer, National Wildlife Federation

EXHIBIT(ags57a04)

16:07:42 Dan Bailey, National Parks Conservation Association

16:08:54 Chamois Andersen, senior representative, Defenders of Wildlife; also representing the Greater Yellowstone Coalition

EXHIBIT(ags57a05)

16:14:21 Jason Baldes, National Wildlife Federation

16:14:54 Sen. Boldman entered the meeting.

16:16:47 Don Woerner, citizen

16:20:34 Shauna Drimal, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

EXHIBIT(ags57a06)

16:20:38 Darrell Geist, Buffalo Field Campaign

16:21:25 Daniel Wenner, citizen

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:24:07 Sen. Gillespie

16:24:38 Rep. Kassmier

16:24:45 Sen. Gillespie

16:25:00 Sen. Hoven

16:25:31 Rep. Kassmier

16:26:09 Sen. Ellis

16:26:41 Chair Lang

16:27:42 Sen. Ellis

16:28:53 Ms. Rolf, MFBF

16:29:09 Sen. Ellis

16:29:30 Ms. Rolf

16:29:57 Sen. Ellis

16:30:26 Ms. Rolf

16:30:46 Sen. Ellis

16:31:42 Mr. Denowh, UPOM

16:32:30 Sen. Ellis

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16:38:31 Sen. O'Brien
16:38:56 Rep. Kassmier
16:39:14 Sen. O'Brien
16:40:48 Mr. Rittal, MACo
16:41:54 Sen. O'Brien
16:42:14 Mr. Rittal
16:42:41 Sen. O'Brien
16:43:09 Mr. Woerner, citizen
16:43:31 Sen. O'Brien
16:44:21 Mr. Woerner
16:46:26 Sen. Salomon
16:46:52 Ms. Rolf
16:48:02 Sen. Gillespie
16:49:04 Mr. Woerner
16:50:16 Sen. Gillespie
16:51:01 Mr. Woerner
16:53:51 Chair Lang
16:54:48 Mr. Woerner
16:55:33 Chair Lang
16:56:02 Mr. Woerner
16:56:15 Sen. Webber
16:57:03 Mr. Wenner, citizen

Closing by Sponsor:

16:58:16 Rep. Kassmier

16:59:01 Chair Lang
16:59:37 Sen. Ellis
17:00:22 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:01 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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