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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on April 13, 2021 at 2:37 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. Janet Ellis (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)

Members Excused:

Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
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 660, 4/9/2021; HB 681, 4/9/2021

15:38:27 Sen. Bogner assumed the duties of the chair.

HEARING ON HB 660

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:38:49 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 660, Funding for Made in Montana program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:39:36 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association

15:40:33 Sen. Webber and Sen. Ellis entered the meeting.

15:41:21 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:42:55 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association

15:43:26 Mckenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(ags70a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:44:18 Jan Stoddard, Department of Commerce (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:44:42 Sen. Ellis

15:45:01 Ms. Stoddard, DOC

15:45:16 Sen. Ellis

15:46:14 Rep. Kassmier

15:46:22 Sen. Gillespie

15:46:55 Rep. Kassmier

15:47:02 Ms. Stoddard

15:47:37 Sen. Boldman entered the meeting.

15:48:31 Sen. Gillespie

15:48:43 Ms. Stoddard

15:49:48 Sen. Gillespie

15:50:00 Sen. Salomon

15:50:24 Ms. Stoddard

15:51:17 Sen. Salomon

15:52:03 Ms. Stoddard

15:53:48 Sen. Hoven

15:54:02 Ms. Stoddard

15:54:07 Sen. Hoven

15:54:39 Ms. Stoddard

15:55:34 Sen. Lang

15:55:56 Rep. Kassmier

15:56:25 Sen. Lang
15:56:34 Rep. Kassmier

Closing by Sponsor:

15:56:48 Rep. Kassmier

15:57:10 Sen. Lang assumed the duties of the chair.

15:57:19 Chair Lang

HEARING ON HB 681

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:57:41 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 681, Create agricultural transportation enhancement account for port authorities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:59:00 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
16:00:09 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association
16:00:58 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association
16:01:49 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(ags70a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:02:27 Christy Clark, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:58 Sen. Gillespie
16:03:33 Rep. Kassmier
16:04:02 Sen. Gillespie
16:04:49 Rep. Kassmier
16:05:00 Chair Lang
16:05:16 Rep. Kassmier
16:05:29 Chair Lang
16:05:39 Sen. Ellis
16:06:18 Rep. Kassmier
16:06:49 Sen. Ellis
16:07:32 Rep. Kassmier
16:07:48 Sen. Ellis
16:08:13 Ms. Clark, MDA
16:08:25 Sen. Ellis
16:08:54 Ms. Clark
16:09:40 Sen. Salomon
16:10:26 Ms. Clark
16:11:38 Sen. Salomon
16:12:01 Ms. Clark

16:12:31 Sen. Hoven
16:13:15 Rep. Kassmier
16:13:25 Sen. Salomon
16:13:51 Rep. Kassmier

Closing by Sponsor:

16:14:21 Rep. Kassmier

Discussion:

16:15:04 Chair Lang
16:15:22 Sen. Ellis
16:15:43 Sen. Salomon
16:16:17 Chair Lang
16:16:38 Sen. Hoven
16:16:56 Sen. Salomon
16:17:17 Sen. Webber
16:18:06 Sen. Salomon
16:18:17 Ms. Clark
16:18:59 Sen. Bogner
16:19:12 Ms. Clark
16:19:48 Sen. Bogner
16:20:03 Jan Stoddard, Department of Commerce
16:20:37 Sen. Gillespie
16:21:36 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:22 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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