

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on April 15, 2021 at 4:30 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. Shannon O'Brien (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. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 628, 4/15/2021; HB 708, 4/15/2021

Executive Action: HB 628, HB 708, HB 660, HB 681

16:38:26 Sen. Bogner entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 628

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:38:55 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 628, Revise certain livestock inspection, transportation permit fees.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:40:17 Christy Clark, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:40:48 Sen. Gillespie
16:41:08 Rep. Kassmier
16:41:44 Sen. Gillespie
16:42:00 Chair Lang
16:42:42 Sen. Ellis
16:43:23 Rep. Kassmier
16:43:46 Chair Lang
16:44:00 Rep. Kassmier
16:44:44 Ethan Wilfore, Department of Livestock (MDOL)
16:45:11 Sen. Ellis
16:45:28 Mr. Wilfore, MDOL
16:46:28 Sen. O'Brien
16:46:57 Mr. Wilfore
16:47:15 Sen. O'Brien
16:47:30 Mr. Wilfore
16:47:46 Sen. O'Brien
16:48:24 Rep. Kassmier
16:49:18 Sen. Sales
16:49:40 Rep. Kassmier
16:49:54 Sen. Sales
16:50:04 Rep. Kassmier
16:50:34 Sen. Sales
16:50:54 Rep. Kassmier

16:51:03 Sen. Webber entered the meeting.

16:51:11 Sen. Hoven
16:51:41 Ms. Clark, MDA
16:51:53 Mr. Wilfore
16:52:08 Sen. Hoven
16:52:17 Mr. Wilfore
16:52:47 Chair Lang
16:53:11 Mr. Wilfore

16:53:21 Sen. Gillespie
16:54:11 Mr. Wilfore
16:54:50 Sen. Gillespie
16:56:05 Sen. Bogner
16:56:17 Rep. Kassmier

Closing by Sponsor:

16:56:41 Rep. Kassmier

16:57:17 Chair Lang

HEARING ON HB 708

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:57:38 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 708, Study of food security and agricultural prosperity.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:58:07 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
[EXHIBIT\(ags72a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

17:03:20 Christy Clark, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:03:44 Sen. Sales
17:04:00 Rep. Kassmier
17:04:19 Sen. Sales
17:04:48 Chair Lang
17:05:05 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division
17:05:32 Sen. Hoven
17:05:53 Rep. Kassmier
17:06:18 Sen. Sales
17:07:07 Rep. Kassmier
17:07:26 Sen. Ellis

Closing by Sponsor:

17:07:51 Sen. Kassmier

17:08:21 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 628

17:10:37 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 628 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:11:12 Sen. Salomon
17:11:34 Sen. Hoven

17:12:03 Sen. Bogner
17:12:25 Ethan Wilfore, Department of Livestock (MDOL)
17:12:57 Chair Lang
17:13:17 Mr. Wilfore, MDOL
17:13:39 Chair Lang
17:13:49 Sen. Sales
17:14:11 Mr. Wilfore
17:14:37 Sen. O'Brien
17:15:14 Rep. Kassmier
17:15:40 Sen. Gillespie

17:16:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 628 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Gillespie voting no.

EXHIBIT(ags72a02)

Discussion:

17:18:00 Chair Lang
17:18:12 Mr. Wilfore
17:18:44 Chair Lang
17:18:49 Mr. Wilfore

17:19:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 628 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 3-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Lang and Sen. O'Brien voting aye. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

17:20:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 628 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 708

17:21:06 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 708 BE CONCURRED IN**.

17:21:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 708 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Gillespie voting no. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

EXHIBIT(ags72a03)

17:22:04 **Motion:** Sen. Ellis moved that **HB 708 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED**.

Discussion:

17:22:53 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division
17:23:33 Sen. O'Brien
17:23:55 Sen. Webber

17:24:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

Discussion:

17:25:23 Sen. Hoven

17:26:19 Chair Lang
17:26:47 Sen. Bogner

17:27:05 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner made a substitute motion that **HB 708 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. O'Brien and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 660

17:28:22 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 660 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

17:29:02 Sen. Hoven
17:29:46 Chair Lang
17:29:49 Rep. Kassmier
17:30:14 Sen. Salomon
17:30:33 Chair Lang
17:31:16 Sen. Webber
17:32:29 Chair Lang
17:33:07 Sen. Hoven
17:33:11 Chair Lang
17:33:27 Sen. Gillespie
17:33:59 Sen. Ellis
17:34:54 Chair Lang

17:35:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Gillespie will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 681

17:36:02 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 681 BE CONCURRED IN**.

17:36:45 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 681 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(ags72a04)

Discussion:

17:37:27 Sen. Hoven
17:37:48 Chair Lang
17:38:19 Sen. Gillespie
17:38:37 Sen. Ellis
17:39:19 Sen. Gillespie
17:39:28 Rep. Kassmier
17:39:56 Sen. Gillespie
17:41:13 Sen. Hoven
17:41:26 Sen. Gillespie
17:42:47 Chair Lang
17:43:12 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
17:43:51 Chair Lang
17:44:19 Rep. Kassmier

17:44:29 Chair Lang
17:44:31 Mr. Mohr, LSD
17:44:42 Rep. Kassmier

17:45:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

17:46:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 681 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson were excused.

EXHIBIT(ags72a05)

17:47:49 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 681 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

17:48:00 Sen. Salomon
17:48:31 Sen. Gillespie
17:48:52 Sen. Hoven
17:49:14 Rep. Kassmier
17:49:34 Chair Lang
17:49:50 Sen. Gillespie
17:50:09 Sen. Webber
17:51:14 Sen. Ellis
17:51:45 Chair Lang

17:52:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:53 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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