

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang, on April 20, 2021 at 4:14 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)  
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. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)  
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: SJ 27, 4/16/2021

Executive Action: SJ 27

16:27:53 Sen. Salomon assumed the duties of the chair.

**HEARING ON SJ 27**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:28:13 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SJ27, Study of water rights on Taylor Grazing Act lands.

16:28:56 Sen. Webber and Sen. Hoven entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:30:02 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

16:30:52 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

**EXHIBIT(ags75a01)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:33:58 Sen. Gillespie

16:35:33 Ms. Honeycutt, (MSGA)

16:36:20 Sen. Salomon

16:36:35 Ms. Honeycutt

16:37:07 Sen. Ellis

16:37:43 Sen. Lang

16:39:53 Sen. Ellis

16:40:39 Sen. Lang

16:41:28 Sen. Ellis

16:41:52 Sen. Lang

16:42:30 Sen. Salomon

16:43:36 Sen. Lang

16:44:21 Sen. Sales

16:45:07 Ms. Honeycutt

16:45:31 Sen. Sales

16:45:58 Ms. Honeycutt

16:46:22 Sen. Sales

16:46:58 Ms. Honeycutt

16:47:14 Sen. Sales

16:48:08 Sen. Lang

16:49:22 Sen. Salomon

16:49:58 Sen. Lang

16:50:06 Sen. Ellis

16:51:03 Sen. Lang

16:51:55 Sen. Ellis

16:52:25 Sen. Lang

16:52:53 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

16:53:17 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:53:23 Sen. Lang

16:54:11 Sen. Lang assumed the duties of the chair.

**Discussion:**

16:54:23 Chair Lang

16:54:37 Sen. Gillespie

16:55:53 Chair Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 27**

16:56:00 **Motion:** Sen. Salomon moved that **SJ 27 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:56:12 Chair Lang

16:57:05 Sen. Hoven

16:57:13 Chair Lang

16:57:26 Sen. Hoven

16:57:34 Chair Lang

16:57:47 Sen. Salomon

16:58:59 Sen. Hoven

16:59:21 Chair Lang

16:59:26 Sen. Sales

16:59:46 Sen. Gillespie

17:00:22 Sen. Sales

17:01:02 Chair Lang

17:01:32 Sen. Sales

17:02:16 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

17:04:08 Sen. O'Brien

17:04:57 Chair Lang

17:05:04 Sen. O'Brien

17:05:12 Chair Lang

17:05:54 Sen. Salomon

17:06:33 Sen. Gillespie

17:07:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Bogner, Sen. Boldman and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

17:08:24 Chair Lang

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:08 P.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([ags75aad.pdf](#))