

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang-R, on January 10, 2023 at 3:08 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Staff Present: Grace Gibney, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst
Heather Vande-Sandt, Attorney

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:

SB 78 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

15:09:03 **Committee Discussion:** Agency and Organization Introductions

15:09:16 George Edwards, Executive Director, Livestock Loss Board

15:10:38 Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

15:12:37 Chair Mike Lang

15:12:45 Mike Honeycutt, MDOL

15:13:13 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:13:25 Jay Bodner, Brands Division Administrator, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

15:13:43 Christy Clark, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT-Montana Department of Agriculture Power Point Presentation Handout

15:17:22 Chair Mike Lang

15:17:31 Christy Clark, DOA

15:18:17 Amanda Kaster, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT-Montana DNRC Legislation Brief Handout

15:19:25 Autumn Coleman, Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT-DNRC Power Point Presentation Handout

15:27:03 Chair Mike Lang

15:27:40 Autumn Coleman, DNRC

15:28:48 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

15:32:37 Shawn Thomas, Forestry and Trust Land Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

15:35:56 Kelly Motichka, Agriculture and Grazing Bureau Chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

- 15:37:34 Mark Bostrom, Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
- 15:39:04 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
- 15:41:08 Nathan Keane, President, Montana Grain Growers Association
- 15:42:04 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union
- 15:42:45 Raylee Honeycutt, Executive Vice President, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGGA)
- 15:43:24 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
- 15:43:55 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition
- 15:44:47 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
- 15:45:10 Calli Michaels, Public Affairs Director, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
- 15:45:39 Rebecca Boslough-King, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

HEARING ON SB 78 - Revise reimbursement values for registered livestock

Opening Statement:

- 15:48:16 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 78, Revise reimbursement values for registered livestock.

Proponent Testimony:

- 15:51:43 George Edwards, Executive Director, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)
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- 15:57:12 Doreen Gillespie, Chairman, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)
- 15:57:35 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
- 15:58:12 Calli Michaels, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
- 15:59:20 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union
- 15:59:54 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGGA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:00:47 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
16:01:49 Sen. Bruce Gillespie-R
16:02:33 George Edwards, LLB
16:04:42 Chair Mike Lang
16:05:25 George Edwards, LLB
16:08:16 Sen. Shane Morigeau
16:08:42 George Edwards, LLB

Closing Statement:

16:09:05 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie (R), SD 9, closed the hearing on SB 78.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:09:25

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230110AGSaad\)](#)