

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Mike Lang-R, on January 17, 2023 at 3:08 PM, in 335

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Bruce Gillespie, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)

**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:

HB 153 01/11/2023

SB 37 01/11/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 153 - Generally revise laws related to livestock markets**

**Opening Statement:**

15:09:20 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 153, Generally revise laws related to livestock markets.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:10:11 Jay Bodner, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

15:14:25 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:15:13 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:16:49 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

15:17:47 Jay Bodner, MDOL

**Closing Statement:**

15:18:43 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 153.

**HEARING ON SB 37 - Update definitions for meat inspection of non-amenable species**

**Opening Statement:**

15:21:19 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 37, Update definitions for meat inspection of non-amenable species.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:23:23 Mike Honeycutt, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:19:10 Sen. Lang has arrived  
15:20:20 Recessed  
15:21:06 Reconvened  
15:26:30 Sen. Susan Webber  
15:27:14 Mike Honeycutt, MDOL  
15:27:21 Sen. Daniel Salomon  
15:27:40 Jay Bodner, MDOL

**Closing Statement:**

15:27:55 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 37.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:29:49

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Grace Gibney, Secretary

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