

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang-R, on January 19, 2023 at 3:06 PM, in 335

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (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. 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:

HB 44 01/17/2023

SB 52 01/17/2023

Executive Action:

HB 44 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 153 BE CONCURRED IN

SB 37 DO PASS

15:14:08 Sen. Lenz has arrived  
15:15:53 Sen. McKamey has arrived  
15:18:44 Sen. Bartel has arrived

**HEARING ON HB 44 - Revise document requirements for state stock inspectors**

**Opening Statement:**

15:07:34 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 44, Revise document requirements for state stock inspectors.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:09:12 Jay Bodner, Department of Livestock (DOL)  
15:11:39 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)  
15:12:21 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)  
15:13:11 Scott Kulbeck, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:14:39 Sen. Daniel Salomon  
15:14:41 Jay Bodner, DOL  
15:16:32 Chair Mike Lang  
15:16:35 Jay Bodner, DOL  
15:19:39 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie  
15:24:13 Jay Bodner, DOL

**Closing Statement:**

15:25:09 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 44.

**HEARING ON SB 52 - Revise laws related to killing of dogs harassing or injuring livestock**

**Opening Statement:**

15:25:45 Sen. Wendy McKamey (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 52, Revise laws related to killing of dogs harassing or injuring livestock.

15:26:02 Sen. Lenz has left

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 44 - Revise document requirements for state stock inspectors**

15:28:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie moved that **HB 44 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

15:27:15 Committee Withdrawal SB 52

15:28:40 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:29:56 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:30:03 Chair Mike Lang

15:30:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:28:29 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

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

15:31:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie moved that **HB 153 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

15:30:10 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:32:10 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

15:32:32 Chair Mike Lang

15:33:03 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:33:32 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:33:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:31:34 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Lang

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

15:34:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie moved that **SB 37 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:34:55 Sen. Shane Morigeau

15:36:10 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:37:10 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

15:37:47 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:38:29 Chair Mike Lang

15:39:04 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:39:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Webber, voting no.  
Sen. Webber, By Proxy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:41:42

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Grace Gibney, Secretary

