

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang-R, on February 02, 2023 at 2:59 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (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)

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 51 01/24/2023

HB 66 01/24/2023

HB 84 01/24/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 51 - Generally revise indemnity provisions

Opening Statement:

15:01:43 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 51, Generally revise indemnity provisions.

Proponent Testimony:

15:02:16 Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock

15:04:27 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:05:07 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union

15:05:47 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

15:11:11 Sen. Ellie Boldman left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:06:47 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

15:07:21 Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock

15:08:02 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:08:20 Rep. Joe Read-R

15:09:11 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:09:13 Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock

15:11:35 Vice Chair Susan Webber

15:13:00 Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock

15:13:07 Chair Mike Lang

Closing Statement:

15:13:22 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, closed the hearing on HB 51.

HEARING ON HB 66 - Revise penalties and interest for livestock per capita fee

Opening Statement:

15:14:59 Rep. Greg Kmetz (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 66, Revise penalties and interest for livestock per capita fee.

Proponent Testimony:

15:16:17 Jill Hamilton, Collections Administrator, State of Montana

15:18:57 Brian Simonson, Deputy Executive Officer, Montana Department of Livestock

15:20:17 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:21:31 Rep. Greg Kmetz (R), HD 38, closed the hearing on HB 66.

HEARING ON HB 84 - Revise laws related to treatment of garbage fed to swine

Opening Statement:

15:22:44 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 84, Revise laws related to treatment of garbage fed to swine.

Proponent Testimony:

15:24:39 Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock

15:27:39 Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinarian Medicine Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:28:58 Sen. Shane Morigeau

15:29:18 Marty Zaluski, Montana Department of Livestock

Closing Statement:

15:30:04 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, closed the hearing on HB 84.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:30:42

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230202AGSaad\)](#)