

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang-R, on February 21, 2023 at 2:57 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Staff Present: Grace Gibney, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst
Devlin Kelly, 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:

SB 347 02/19/2023
Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 347 - Revise right to repair laws relating to agriculture

Opening Statement:

14:58:41 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 347, Revise right to repair laws relating to agriculture.

Proponent Testimony:

15:03:05 Walter Schwitzer, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

15:18:34 Caroline Canarios, Northern Plains Resource Council

15:19:30 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

15:22:45 Kevin O'Reilly, The Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)

[EXHIBIT\(230221AGSa1\)](#)

15:27:28 Willie Cade, self

15:32:40 Paul Roberts, Secure Repairs

15:34:52 Sen. Wendy McKamey left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

15:36:47 Brad Griffin, Montana Equipment Dealers

15:43:36 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

[EXHIBIT\(230221AGSa2\)](#)

15:47:18 Brian Hoven, Hoven Equipment

15:51:40 John Hurd, RDO Equipment

15:55:27 Luke Anderson, C&B Operations

[EXHIBIT\(230221AGSa3\)](#)

15:57:00 Brian Torgerson, Torgerson's LLC

15:59:55 Ken Wheeler, Frontline Ag Solutions
[EXHIBIT\(230221AGSa4\)](#)

16:04:16 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce

16:04:49 Eric Wareham, North American Equipment Dealers Association
[EXHIBIT\(230221AGSa5\)](#)

16:15:00 Tami Christensen, Tri County implement

16:17:13 Tom Zimmer, Tri State Truck and Equipment

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:19:21 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

16:19:26 Sen. Wendy McKamey joined the meeting.

16:21:02 Brian Hoven, Hoven Equipment

16:23:22 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

16:24:41 Sen. Daniel Salomon joined the meeting.

16:25:00 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:25:42 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

16:27:32 Kevin O'Reilly, PIRG

16:32:49 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

16:33:03 Willie Cade, self

16:34:58 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:35:33 Eric Wareham, North American Equipment Dealers Association

16:35:57 Chair Mike Lang

16:36:43 Brian Torgerson, Torgerson's LLC

16:37:58 Chair Mike Lang

16:38:30 Luke Anderson, C&B Operations

16:40:16 Sen. Wendy McKamey

16:40:57 Eric Wareham, North American Equipment Dealers Association

Closing Statement:

16:42:40 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 49, closed the hearing on SB 347.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:52:32

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230221AGSaad\)](#)