

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang-R, on February 23, 2023 at 3:31 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. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

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

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SR 52 02/15/2023

Executive Action:

SR 52 DO PASS

HEARING ON SR 52 - Confirm governor's appointee for the livestock loss board

Opening Statement:

15:32:30 Chair Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SR 52, Confirm governor's appointee for the livestock loss board.

Proponent Testimony:

15:33:17 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

15:35:22 Raina Blackman, Governor's Appointee

15:36:20 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

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15:37:38 Duane Talcott, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

15:38:35 Doreen Gillespie, self

15:39:26 Dave McEwen, Governor's Appointee

15:42:15 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board

15:48:34 Cali Michaels, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

15:51:49 John Sampsel, self

15:52:46 Joseph Kipp, Blackfeet Nation

15:57:00 Ken McKamey, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:58:12 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

15:58:31 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board
16:01:31 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
16:03:05 Dave McEwen, Governor's Appointee
16:09:02 Sen. Shane Morigeau
16:10:39 Dave McEwen, Governor's Appointee
16:12:13 Sen. Dennis Lenz
16:13:14 Dave McEwen, Governor's Appointee
16:17:33 Chair Mike Lang
16:18:20 Joseph Kipp, self

Closing Statement:

16:21:35 Chair Mike Lang (R), SD 17, closed the hearing on SR 52.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 52 - Confirm governor's appointee for the livestock loss board

16:23:23 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 52 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:24:03 Chair Mike Lang
16:24:55 Sen. Wendy McKamey
16:28:17 Sen. Dennis Lenz
16:29:17 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
16:30:31 Sen. Shane Morigeau
16:31:42 Sen. Dan Bartel
16:32:52 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
12:10:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:35:10

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230223AGSaad\)](#)