

Legislative Update
South Dakota Stockgrowers Association
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General

This week Governor Noem issued the Executive Order merging the Department of Agriculture with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. If the legislature does not oppose the merger by resolution, the Governor's Executive Order will take effect 90-days after it is issued. The new department would be called the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Hunter Roberts would serve as its first Secretary.

The level of activity in Pierre remains quiet compared to normal times. Bill introduction numbers remain low though I'm told there are a lot of bill drafts circulating.

Stockgrowers' Legislative Issues

The Stockgrower's reception was a big hit with legislators. Several senators and representatives sought me out yesterday and today to comment on what a good time they had at our event and most mentioned the quality of the food as well.

As discussed, Senator Cammack is bringing a resolution to urge the president and US trade representative to strongly consider COOL in future trade negotiations.

If you have any questions or comments about this week's report or about activities in Pierre, please feel free to contact me at murphy@rushmore.com

Best regards,

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Legislation of Interest

Following are the bills that have been introduced that may impact Stockgrowers. You can read the bill text and actions by clicking on the blue bill number. Bill status is noted in the status column. DP = "Do Pass" DNP = "Do Not Pass" "41st day" means a bill has been killed.

Status	Bill	Title
1/12 ref. H. Ag.	HB 1040	make an appropriation to fund certain small meat processor grants and to declare an emergency.

1/12 ref. H. Ag.	HB 1042	revise certain provisions regarding riparian buffer strips
1/13 ref. H. Ag.	HB 1047	provide limited deer and antelope licenses to landowners.
1/12 ref. S. Commerce	SB 34	make an appropriation to expand rural access to broadband services and to declare an emergency.
1/22 DP S. Ag.	SB 52	revise the permit duration on certain concentrated animal feeding operations.
1/27 S. Tax	SB 70	revise and reorganize certain provisions regarding the assessment of property for the purposes of taxation.