

**Legislative Update**  
**South Dakota Stockgrowers Association**  
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**General**

A quiet first week in Pierre. Governor Noem gave her state of the state address Tuesday. Wednesday, the legislature heard from Chief Justice Steven Jensen. Thursday, Standing Rock Chairman Mike Faith gave the State of the Tribes address. In her address Noem acknowledged the grant program her administration is proposing (HB 1040 below) to fund capital improvements at small meat processors as well as the \$100 million grant to expand rural broadband access (SB 34 below).

The capitol is less crowded than normal this session as there are fewer visitors than normal and lobbyists and legislators are limiting time spent in the building to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID.

**Stockgrowers' Legislative Issues**

HB 1040 will provide a \$5 million fund for grants to small meat processors to be used for equipment and facility enhancements.

Sen. Duvall and Rep. Chaffee have introduced SB 70 which will revise and reorganize certain statutory provisions regarding the assessment of property for the purposes of taxation.

Governor Noem plans to issue an 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.

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](mailto: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.	<a href="#">HB 1040</a>	make an appropriation to fund certain small meat processor grants and to declare an emergency.
1/12 ref. H. Ag.	<a href="#">HB 1042</a>	revise certain provisions regarding riparian buffer strips
1/13 ref. H. Ag.	<a href="#">HB 1047</a>	provide limited deer and antelope licenses to landowners.
1/12 ref. S. Commerce	<a href="#">SB 34</a>	make an appropriation to expand rural access to broadband services and to declare an emergency.
1/13 ref. S. Ag.	<a href="#">SB 52</a>	revise the permit duration on certain concentrated animal feeding operations.
1/12 ref. S. Tax	<a href="#">SB 70</a>	revise and reorganize certain provisions regarding the assessment of property for the purposes of taxation.