

Support for SB 777

I strongly support compensating livestock producers for losses as a result of wolf depredation based on the 7:1 ratio. We have personal knowledge of the damage caused to livestock producers by wolf depredation. The scientific studies show that for every 1 dead calf verified as wolf kills there are at least 8 others that could not be found. Also the wolves cause stress to the cattle reducing revenue and increasing their costs dramatically. Wildlife including predators- wolves in particular are responsibility of the state. The losses to cattle and sheep producers are putting family businesses in our state on the brink of bankruptcy and they deserve to be reimbursed at the 7:1 level. Andy VanderPlaat