

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

At the start this session is somewhat quieter than a year ago. Most of the COVID money is spent. The legislature is minus two members as the governor would like to wait to see if the state Supreme Court will issue guidance relative to the conflicts clause in the constitution regarding legislators. There will be one or more property tax bills with potential to affect producers directly or indirectly. Leadership has hit the accelerator this year and committees commenced bill hearings this week. The practice in the past has been a much slower start with hearing commencing the second week of session. We'll see if that early start will pay dividends with a lighter workload late in session.

**Stockgrowers' Legislative Issues**

Issues that are likely to receive a lot of attention this session that may impact Stockgrowers include (again) Summit Carbon's C02 pipeline that is planned to cross northeast South Dakota. Legislation is being drafted to limit or forbid use of eminent domain to take land for the C02 pipeline. Legislation to forbid certain foreign AgLand purchases remains a priority for the Governor. Though, the right approach has not yet been put forward.

Sen. Melhaff has introduced a bill (SB 14) to broaden the allowance to shoot coyotes from snowmobiles beyond just landowners/lessees to include individuals who are "on the property as an invitee of the owner or lessee"

A Brand Board bill is coming from the Ag. Department and we are working with Liz May on our own brand bills.

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I'm looking forward to seeing many of you next Wednesday the 17th at the Board meeting and legislative mixer. Once again we're lining up a slate of speakers from the legislature and administration and we anticipate good attendance from those same groups at our legislative mixer Wednesday evening.

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,  
Jeremiah

## 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

Status	Bill	Title
	<a href="#">SB 14</a>	expand authorization for the conditional taking of coyotes from snowmobiles.

= "Do Pass" DNP = "Do Not Pass" "41st day" means a bill has been killed.