

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT, on January 7, 1997, at  
3:00 p.m., in Room 437

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)  
Rep. John "Sam" Rose, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)  
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Peggy Arnott (R)  
Rep. Paul Bankhead (R)  
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)  
Rep. George Heavy Runner (D)  
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore (R)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Doug Mood (R)  
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Lila V. Taylor

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary: Orientation**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: None  
Executive Action: None

*{Tape: 1;; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 03.8; Comments: Introduction of  
Committee members..}*

Each Representative noted their District area and gave a brief  
description of their agricultural background.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 09.3; Comments: Dave Bohyer,  
Legislative Services Division, explained his staff duties..}*

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 07.3; Comments: Introduction of Committee members continued..}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.1; Comments: Chairman Barnett emphasized the importance of starting meetings on time and if a member knows ahead of time that he or she will be late or absent, that member should check with either Vice Chairman Ryan or Vice Chairman Rose .}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.1; Comments: Chairman Barnett discussed proxy votes and how to handle them.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.7; Comments: Amendments discussion pertaining to proxy votes. Vice Chairmen will receive the proxy votes and will give them over for the record.}

{Tape: 1; Side A: Approx. Time Count: 25.7; Comments: Chairman Barnett explained the Hearing process and procedure.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.2; Comments: Chairman Barnett explained the policy of minutes abbreviation. The meeting will be tape recorded but if a sponsor wants the intent of legislation of a Bill and it is not on the Bill then it should be written out and presented to the Secretary.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 37.2 ; Comments: Chairman Barnett asked the committee members what their wishes were for treats and \$5.00 was collected by the Secretary from each member wishing to participate.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.9; Comments: In answer to Representative Heavy Runner's question concerning the type of legislation coming to this committee, the Chairman explained there will some housekeeping bills and hopefully some water conservation bills.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.3 ; Comments: Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Montana Legislative Services Division, explained his background in legislative procedures and passed out EXHIBIT 1. He will explain amendments and make sure the amendments the committee adopts are crafted in the same form the bills are crafted and then will coordinate with the Secretary to make sure they get into the second reading of the Bills. He will draft amendments for committee members but not for lobbyists. He will also draft committee bills, if the committee requests but will need some advanced notice.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:55 P.M.



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JOE BARNETT, Chairman



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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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