

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Joe Barnett, on January 23, 1997, at 3:05, 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. Paul Bankhead (R)
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Doug Mood (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Peggy Arnott, Rep. George Heavy Runner,
Rep. Joan Hurdle, Rep. Gerald Pease.

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 53 1-21-97
HB 269 1-21-97

Executive Action: SB 53 - Concurred 18 - 0
HB 269- DO PASS 18 - 0
HB 189- DO PASS AS AMENDED 18 - 0

HEARING ON SB 53

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH RULES GOVERNING QUARANTINES TO CONTROL INJURIOUS PLANT PESTS, PLANTS CAPABLE OF SPREADING PLANT PESTS, NOXIOUS WEEDS, AND OTHER EXOTIC PLANTS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS PLANT PESTS; AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF PEST MANAGEMENT STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE PESTS AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENTS; PROVIDING FOR RECEIPT AND DEPOSIT OF

FUNDS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 80-7-123 AND 80-7-135, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 80-7-121, MCA."

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Sponsor: Senator John Hertel, SD 47.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: This Bill removes Montana Department of Agriculture quarantine authority from the Nursery Law and places it into a separate statute of its own in Title 80.

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Proponents: Ralph Peck, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture. (EXHIBIT 1)

Dave McClure, Lewistown, President, Montana Farm Bureau.

Bob Stephens, Montana Grain Growers.

Candace Torgerson, Women Involved Farm Economics.

David Dittloff, Montana Audubon. (EXHIBIT 2)

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Opponents: None

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Story;

Responses from Ralph Peck;

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Rose closed the Hearing on SB 53.

HEARING ON HB 269

"AN ACT REVISING THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE BID DEPOSIT FOR LEASING STATE GRAZING AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS; REVISING THE METHOD OF LEASING STATE GRAZING AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS; REQUIRING CASH LEASING; ALLOWING FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LEASES CANCELED FOR NONPAYMENT;"

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 20.1 - 32.6; }

Sponsor: Rep. Dick Knox, HD 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor: This Bill would make a change in procedures on state agriculture lands, revising the method of determining the bid deposit for leasing state grazing and agriculture. Rep. Knox then explained some Sections of the Bill.

Bud Clinch, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, explained other Sections of the Bill at the request of Rep. Knox.

EXHIBIT 3.

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Proponents: Dave McClure, President, Montana Farm Bureau. **SEE EXHIBIT 4.**

Candace Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics.

Opponents: None

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Informational Testimony: Peggy Stringer, State Statistician, Department of Agriculture.

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Rose, Story.

Responses from Peggy Stringer; Jeff Hagener, Department of Natural Resources; Bud Clinch.

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Knox closed the Hearing on HB 269.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB53

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 51.9; }

Motion: Rep. Krenzler concurred with SB 53.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously. 18 - 0

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 54.0; }

Motion/Vote: Rep. Stovall moved HB 269 DO PASS. HB 269 passed unanimously. 18 - 0.

At this point, Vice Chairman Rose took over the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 189

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 54.8; }

Motion: Rep. Joe Barnett moved HB 189 DO PASS.

Amendments: Rep. Joe Barnett moved the Amendments on HB 189.

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Discussion: Mark Bridges, Enforcement Officer and Administrator, Department of Livestock, explained the Amendment and furnished EXHIBITS 5, 6 and 7.

Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services Division, gave explanations for the Committee.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 74.7 - ; }

Questions from Committee members: Reps. Stovall, Masolo,
Schmidt, Story, Taylor.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Rose moved the Amendment. Vote carried
unanimously. 18-0

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnett moved HB 189 DO PASS as amended.
Vote carried unanimously. 18-0

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Announcements by Chairman Barnett.}*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35



REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

JB/MLS