

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Joe Barnett, on January 30, 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. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 105 - 1-28-97

Executive Action: HB 105 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 226 - TABLED

HEARING ON HB 105

"AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF THE
SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE IN SEED POTATO STOCK; DEFINING

"COMMERCIAL PURPOSE"; REVISING CERTIFICATION RECORD COMPILATION AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS;"

Sponsor: Rep. Joe Barnett, HD 32.

Vice Chairman Sam Rose conducted the meeting at this point.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: See EXHIBIT 1.

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Proponents: Ralph Peck, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture. See EXHIBIT 2.

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John Venhuizen, Seed Potato Grower, Manhattan Area.
See EXHIBIT 3.

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Bill Cotton, Beaverhead Valley, Montana Potato Improvements.

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Mike Sun, Montana State University.

Opponents: None

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Heavy Runner, Masolo, Story, Taylor, Hurdle, Arnott, Adams, Rose, Bankhead, Jore.

Responses from Rep. Barnett, John Venhuizen, Ralph Peck, William Cotton, Mike Sun.

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Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Barnett closed the Hearing on HB 105.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 105

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Motion: Rep. Barnett moved HB 105 DO PASS.

Discussion: Dave Bohyer explained some language he drafted for the amendment.

Motion: Rep. Barnett moved the Amendments to HB 105.

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Discussion on the Amendments: Rep. Story, Taylor, Barnett, Bankhead

Motion/Vote: Rep. Bankhead moved the Amendments with the addition of the word "propagating". Motion passed unanimously, 20-0.

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Motion/Vote: Rep. Bankhead moved to accept the Amendments with the amended version. Motion passed unanimously. 20-0.

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Motion/Vote: Rep. Joe Barnett moved HB 105 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously. 20-0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226

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Discussion: Rep. Alvin Ellis responded to a question from Rep. Arnott concerning tabling the Bill. Rep. Ellis consented to tabling the Bill and requested a letter be sent to the Forest Service, BLM and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. He asked Chairman Joe Barnett and the House Agriculture Committee to draw up a letter asking the above to agree to strategies that will address the noxious weed problem as presented in HB 226. These strategies may be coordinated with County Weed Boards and should be presented to the House Agriculture Committee in the 56th Legislative Session. Strategies should require a noxious weed inventory and a plan of control based on each trail grant.

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Motion/Vote: Rep. Ryan moved to TABLE HB 226. Motion carried unanimously. 20-0

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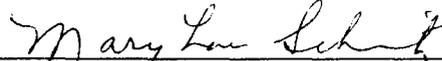
Motion/Vote: Rep. Ryan moved that the Minutes reflect a letter be sent to BLM, Forest Service, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and County Weed Boards. Motion carried unanimously. 20-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.



REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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