

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Joe Barnett, on February 4, 1997, at 3:15 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 390 - 1-31-97
HB 392 - 1-31-97
HB 402 - 1-31-97

Executive Action: HB 392 - DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 392

"AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO SERVE ON THE MONTANA MINT COMMITTEE; REQUIRING THAT ONE MEMBER REPRESENT THE MINT INDUSTRY RESEARCH COUNCIL;

Sponsor: Rep. Rod Bitney, HD 77.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5 }

Opening Statement by Sponsor: See EXHIBIT 1.

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Proponents: Ralph Peck, Director of Montana Department of Agriculture. See EXHIBITS 2 and 3.

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.5 - 29.8; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Ryan, Taylor, Bankhead, Story, Rose, Stovall, Arnott, Adams, Jore, Mood.

Responses from Ralph Peck.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 30.9; }

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Bitney closed the Hearing on HB 392.

HEARING ON HB 402

"AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE CONSERVATION PRACTICE LOAN PROGRAM LAWS;"

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.3 - 36.1; }

Sponsor: Rep. Don Holland, HD 7.

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Holland said this legislation is a request by the Rosebud Conservation District to clean up some conflicts in the statutes and addressed the issues.

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Proponents: Robert R. Heinle, Rosebud Conservation District.

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Mike Volesky, Montana Association of Conservation Districts.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.3 - 41.7; }

Bud Clinch, Director, Department of Natural Resources.

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.5 - 50.5; }

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

Responses by Rep. Holland, Mike Volesky, Robert Heinle.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 50.9 }

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Holland closed the Hearing on HB 402.

HEARING ON HB 390

"AN ACT ALLOWING VOLUNTARY POOLING OF IRRIGATION WATER RIGHTS;"

Sponsor: Rep. John Cobb, HD 50.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 51.6 - 61.4; }

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb said the Bill would allow two or more people with an existing water right, permit, or certificate on a source of water, to enter into a water right pooling agreement for the pooling of irrigation rights.

{Tape: 1; ; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 61.8 - 66.3}

Proponents: Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association.

John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers' Association.

Larry Brown, Agriculture Preservation Association.

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 67.2 - 77.2; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Arnott, Story, Heavy Runner.

Responses by Rep. Cobb; Gary Fritz, Administrator, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources; Don MacIntyre, Attorney, Department of Natural Resources;

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 78.2; }

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Cobb closed the Hearing on HB 390.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 392

Motion: Rep. Ryan moved DO PASS on HB 392.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 80.7 }

Discussion: Reps. Story, Bankhead, Arnott, Taylor, Masolo, Jore, Ryan, Stovall, Adams

Responses by Ralph Peck, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 0.3 - 2.5 }

Vote: Motion carried 15 - 4.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.0; }

Motion: Rep. Arnott moved HB 224 DO PASS.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; }

Discussion: Reps. Stovall, Story, Taylor, Bankhead, Ryan, Masolo, Rose.

Vote: Motion failed 10-10.

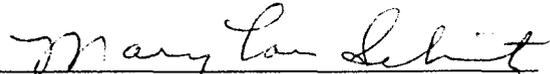
Motion/Vote: Rep. Ryan moved to TABLE HB 224. Motion carried 11-10.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:10 p.m.



REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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