

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Joe Barnett, on February 11, 1997, at
3:10 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. 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. Lila V. Taylor (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

Members Excused: Rep. George Heavy Runner
Rep. Jay Stovall

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HR 2 - 2-7-97
SJR 4 - 2-7-97
SB 183- 2-7-97

Executive Action: SB 183 - BE CONCURRED IN
SB 101 - BE CONCURRED IN
SB 107 - BE CONCURRED IN
SJR 4 - BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HR 2

"A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
MONTANA URGING PROPERTY OWNERS, DEVELOPERS, LOCAL, STATE, AND

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, CONSERVATION AND RECREATION GROUPS, AND AFFECTED CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY COMMON GOALS REGARDING LAND DEVELOPMENT IN STREAMSIDE CORRIDORS AND URGING THEM TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES TO REACH THOSE GOALS; AND REQUESTING THAT THESE EFFORTS BE COORDINATED BY THE MONTANA CONSENSUS COUNCIL."

Sponsor: Rep. Hal Harper, HD 52.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0 - 6.6; }

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Harper said this Resolution seeks to try to find a way that interested parties can come together and talk about the problems of riverbank development.
EXHIBIT 1.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.6 - 8.4; }

Proponents: Brett Brownscombe, Montana Wildlife Federation.

David Dittloff, Montana Audubon.

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.3 - 38.8 }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Rose, Arnott, Mood, Krenzler, Story, Adams, Barnett.

Responses by Rep. Hal Harper; Matthew McKinney, Montana Consensus Council; Carey Hagreberg, Montana Wood Products;

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.5; .}

Informational Testimony: Matthew McKinney, Director, Montana Consensus Council. **EXHIBIT 2.**

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 39.1: }

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Harper closed the Hearing on HR 2.

HEARING ON SB 183

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK'S PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY BY SUSPENDING THE PRESENT BRUCELLOSIS VACCINATION STATUTES;"

Sponsor: Senator Mesaros, SD 25.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.0; }

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Mesaros said the Bill suspends a brucellosis vaccination statute because the statute has become archaic.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 48.0; Comments: .}

Proponents: Jim Hagenbarth, Board of Livestock.

Leslie Robinson, Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Keith Bales, First Vice President, Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Lorna Frank-Karn, Montana Farm Bureau.

Les Graham, Montana Dairy Association.

George Paul, Montana Farmers' Union.

Candace Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics.

Bob Stephens, Montana Grain Growers' Association.

Stuart Doggett, Montana Veterinary Medical Association. **EXHIBIT 3.**

Will Kissinger, Montana Department of Agriculture.

Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association.

John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association.

EXHIBIT 4.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 62.0; }

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 63.0; }

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

Responses by Senator Mesaros; Dr. Clarence Siroky, State Veterinarian, Department of Livestock;

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 70.4; }

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Mesaros closed the Hearing on SB 183.

HEARING ON SJR 4

"A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY THE CHALLENGES CONFRONTING AND OPPORTUNITIES EMERGING FOR FAMILY FARMING AND RANCHING IN MONTANA AND REQUIRING THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS."

Sponsor: Senator Jergeson, SD 46.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 72.4; }

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Jergeson said the Joint Resolution was introduced as a result of the Leader Center Conference in Bozeman.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 76.9; }

Proponents: Les Graham, Montana Dairy Association.

Bob Stephens, Montana Grain Growers Association.

Lorna Frank-Karn, Montana Farm Bureau.

Ted Lange, Northern Plains Resource Council. **EXHIBIT 5 and EXHIBIT 6.**

George Paul, Montana Farmer's Union.

Candace Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics.

Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association.

Will Kissinger, Department of Agriculture.

Jim Richard, Montana Wildlife Federation.

Dave Dittloff, Montana Audubon.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 84.4; }

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 84.9; }

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Bankhead,

Responses by Senator Jergeson; Dave Bohyer.

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Jergeson closed the Hearing on SJR 4.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 4

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 88.1; }

Motion/Vote: Rep. Arnott moved BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously. 17 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 183

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 88.9; }

Motion/Vote: Rep. Taylor moved BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously. 17 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107

{Tape: 1; Side: A and B; Approx. Time Count: 89.7 - 0.2; }

Motion/Vote: Rep. Rose moved BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried
unanimously. 17 - 0.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 101

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; }

Motion/Vote: Rep. Taylor moved BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried
unanimously. 17 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.



REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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