

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Joe Barnett, on March 6, 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: SB 326 - 2-25-97
Executive Action: SB 132 - BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 326

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA GRASS CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION";

Sponsor: Senator Gerry Devlin, SD 2.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Devlin said this is a Bill to establish a Montana Grass Conservation Advisory Committee.

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Proponents: Jason Campbell, Executive Secretary, Grazing District Association, Montana. **EXHIBIT 1.**

Jim Rath, Lavina, Montana, President, Montana Association of State Grazing Districts.

Mons Teigen, Teigen Ranch, Helena, Montana.

Johnny Schultz, Rancher, Grass Range, Montana.

Steve Schmitz, Bureau Chief, Conservation District Bureau, DNRC.

John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers' Association.

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Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

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

Responses by Senator Devlin, Johnny Schultz, Steve Schmitz, Jim Rath.

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Devlin closed the Hearing on SB 326.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 132

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Motion: Rep. Taylor moved BE CONCURRED IN on SB 132.

Discussion: Senator Mesaros explained his amendments.

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Motion: Rep. Rose moved the amendments.

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Discussion by Committee: Reps. Ryan, Taylor, Stovall, Hurdle, Heavy Runner, Trexler, Adams, Story, Bankhead, Whitehead, Arnott, Schmidt.

Responses by Senator Mesaros.

Vote: Motion on the amendments carried 16 - 4.

Motion: Rep. Taylor moved SB 132 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

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Motion: Rep. Trexler explained and moved his amendment.

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Discussion by Committee: Reps. Bankhead, Mood, Krenzler, Arnott, Schmidt, Adams, Hurdle, Story, Jore, Heavy Runner, Trexler, Whitehead, Masolo, Rose, Taylor.

Vote: Motion on the Trexler amendment failed 9 - 11.

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Vote: SB 132 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED carried 11 - 9.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 p.m.



REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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