

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Joe Barnett, on March 11, 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. 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Gay Ann Masolo
Rep. Bill Whitehead

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

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 284 - 3-5-97

Executive Action: SB 39 - BE CONCURRED IN
SB 326 - BE CONCURRED IN

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 39

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Motion: Rep. Ryan moved SB 39 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: Reps. Ryan, Story, Hurdle.

Vote: Motion carried 17 - 2.

HEARING ON SB 284

"AN ACT ALLOWING INDIVIDUAL OWNERS OF TRACTS OF LAND 3 ACRES OR SMALLER IN SIZE LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF CERTAIN URBANIZED IRRIGATION DISTRICTS THAT ARE NOT BEING SERVED BY THE IRRIGATION DISTRICT WORKS TO BE ELIMINATED FROM ASSESSMENTS OVER AND ABOVE CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS;"

Sponsor: Senator Mike Halligan, SD 34.

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Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Halligan explained the Bill as stated in the Title above.

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Proponents: Rep. Matt Denney, HD 63. **EXHIBIT 1. EXHIBIT 2** given to Secretary from proponent who could not attend.

Mike Sehestedt, Deputy County Attorney, Missoula County.

Jim Carlson, Acting Director, Missoula City-County Health Department. **EXHIBIT 3.**

Jim Schoenbaum, Self, **EXHIBIT 4.**

Brad Dantic, Self

Tracey Turek, Self

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Opponents: Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association, **EXHIBIT 5.**

Tom Daubert, Missoula Irrigation District, **EXHIBIT 6.**

Les Graham, Montana Dairy Association.

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Informational Testimony: None

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Questions From Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Heavy Runner, Rose, Bankhead, Story, Arnott, Hurdle, Mood, Barnett.

Responses by Tom Daubert; Senator Halligan; Tracie Turek; Jim Carlson; Rep. Denny; Mike Murphy; Les Graham; Dave Bohyer; Brad Dantic;

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Halligan closed the Hearing on SB 284.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 326

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 27.8; }

Motion: Rep. Rose moved SB 326 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion: Reps. Arnott, Story, Mood, Heavy Runner, Hurdle, Bankhead, Adams; Justin Campbell, Montana Grazing Association, EXHIBIT 7.

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Vote: Motion carried 15 - 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 p.m.



REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman



MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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