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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
HOUSE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION COMMITTEE
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 6, 1977
3:45 p.m.
Rm. 428B
State Capitol Bldg.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairwoman Bengtson, with all members present.

The meeting began with all members of the committee introducing themselves, stating where they were from, and their interest in agriculture. Chairman Day then introduced the Agriculture Committee researcher and the legislative intern that would be working with the committee.

Chairman Day told the members the procedure he wanted the committee to follow for their committee hearings. They are as follows: (1) Anyone wishing to testify, must sign in and state their name, residence, pro or con, and who they represent; (2) All questions must come from the committee members. No individuals testifying may ask any questions; (3) There will be no debate between proponents and opponents; (4) Proponents will speak first; time limit to be at the discretion of the chair; (5) Opponents will speak next; (6) Sponsor will close; and (7) There will be no smoking - other than committee members and staff. Anyone else wishing to smoke may leave the room. This list of rules will be posted on the committee room door. At the present, no time limit will be set for witnesses.

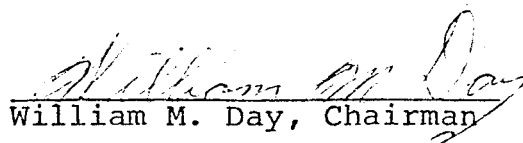
Chairman Day stated that all legislation scheduled to be heard, at a meeting, would first be heard then the committee would go into executive session and action would be taken. If legislation was acted on and amended and by request of the sponsor the bill was reconsidered all members of the committee would be notified of the reconsideration meeting.

Representative Ellerd asked if there was some reason why the committee hearings had been set in such a small room and asked if the meetings could not be changed to a larger room. Chairman Day will check on arranging for a larger room.

Representative Gunderson suggested legislation be heard at one meeting and acted on at the next. Chairman Day stated that would be determined by the complexity of the legislation.

Representative J. Gunderson moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Rep. Ellerd. The motion was carried.

Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


William M. Day, Chairman