

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
FINANCE AND CLAIMS
MONTANA STATE SENATE

April 19, 1977

The forty third meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee was held in room 331 of the State Capitol. Roll call was taken and the meeting was called to order at 11:08 A.M. by Senator Thiessen, Chairman.

Senator Roberts said he had discussed the language to be put into House Bill 554 and had drafted some, however it was the feeling of the Attorney General that it would be better not to have to put in any unnecessary language which would have to have a legal interpretation, but to leave the language out, just striking the figures. All they really need is for the legislature to say no, and then they will attempt to negotiate.

Motion by Senator Fasbender to reconsider the bill, House Bill 554. Voted and approve, unanimous. 11:11 A.M.

Motion by Senator Fasbender to recede from the language voted on this morning in the bill. Voted, passed, unanimous 11:12 A.M.

Motion by Senator Fasbender that the bill be concurred in as amended. Voted and passed, unanimous, 11:12 A.M. Senator Boylan asked to change his vote to no, accepted by the Chairman, and so recorded.

Senator Thiessen asked what the condition of the LRB bill was, and Senator Fasbender said the recommendations had been made, and the bill would be coming out later.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M.



SENATOR THIESSEN, Chairman

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President

We, your committee on FINANCE AND CLAIMS

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 554

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 554,

third reading bill, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 1 and 2, section 1, lines 23 through line 1 on page 2.
Following: line 22
Strike: line 23 on page 1 through line 1 on page 2 in their entirety.

UNANIMOUSLY AND AS SO AMENDED, BE CONCURRED IN

PL.

11:08 AM

ROLL CALL

FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE

45th LEGISLATIVE SESSION 1977

Date 4-19-77

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
THIESSEN, CH			
HIMSL, V.C.			
STORY			
ETCHART			
KOLSTAD			
LOCKREM			
NELSON			
SMITH			
STEPHENS			
FASBENDER			
BOYLAN			
FLYNN			
MEHRENS			
REGAN			
ROBERTS			
THOMAS			

TESTIMONY

SENATE BILL NO. 239

The Montana Department of Agriculture endorses Senate Bill No. 239. This bill primarily provides that the Department will assist agricultural producers and county noxious weed personnel in managing and delineating noxious weeds that significantly affect agricultural production, both crop and range, in the state. This bill is a result of the activities and recommendations of the Department's Governor's Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council created by Governor Judge at the request of the Agricultural Ad Hoc Committee and the Department of Agriculture.

Management of noxious weeds involves a determination of the size and type of infestations and development of plans to control or suppress these infestations in cooperation with producers, local, state, and federal agencies and other groups, such as railroads. These management plans must be prepared on a practical, economical and environmentally acceptable basis. The plans must reflect county management priorities during a period of time three years or greater, because it is virtually impossible to effect permanent controls in a shorter period of time. Currently, noxious weed infestations are not only increasing in size but are appearing in new locations throughout the state. The Department in performing these functions will attempt to assist local groups in determining those areas in the state in which current chemical management techniques should not be used because of critical wildlife habitat, environmentally fragile areas, and situations in which the cost of the program in a particular area is economically unjustified. The Department will also attempt to resolve the current problem of protecting commercial bee operations while attempting to resolve the noxious weed problem in and around agricultural crops and rangeland.



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MONTANA STATE SENATE

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March 10, 1977

PRESIDENT-PRO TEM
COMMITTEES:
FINANCE AND CLAIMS, CHAIRMAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
RULES

Commissioner, George Lackman
Department of Agriculture
1300 Cedar Street
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Mr. Lackman,

The Senate Finance and Claims Committee has recommended
a do pass on Senate Bill 289.

It is the committee's intent that no general fund be
used in administering, monitoring, or auditing any
federal funds received under the provisions of the
bill. Thus all costs associated with the federal
funding will be paid by federal dollars.

Sincerely,

C. R. Thiessen, Senator
Chairman, Finance & Claims Committee

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