

HOUSE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

February 5, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Vicki Johnson, at 12:40 p.m. with a quorum present.

REPRESENTATIVE ELLERD introduced the following people from Montana State University: Joe Asleron, Carl Hoffman, Torlief Aasheim, Jim Stephens, Pat Iman, and Clyde Carroll. These people are employees of the Agriculture Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service. They are hear today to explain their budget proposal.

JOE ASLERON, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, thanked the committee for giving them the opportunity to speak to the committee. He stated that they had gone before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and explained their situation and will do the same here today.


Their main concern was the need for an electronic microscope, an electronic microscope facility, and an electron microscopist.

He concluded by stating that 37% of Montana's income comes from agriculture.

CARL HOFFMAN, Director, Cooperative Extension Service, explained the proposed budget for the Extension Service.

REPRESENTATIVE ELLERD closed thanking the committee for granting his request to have the above mentioned people appear before the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



William M. Day, Chairman

Judy J. Mook, Secretary