HOUSE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

February 7, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Day at 12:35 p.m. with all members present except the following Representatives: Bengtson, Johnson, Brand, Ellerd (excused), Hayne, and Lien.

SENATE BILL NO. 68

SENATOR JACK GALT, Chief Sponsor, introduced the bill. He began by stating that this bill was not a request from the Department of Livestock. In 1975, the law was changed stopping the Department of Livestock from picking up bill of sales. This has caused some problems and I feel that the Department should have the bill of sales on record in Helena. The owner would have an inspection receipt for their records. If for some reason the owner should need a copy of the bill of sale they can optain one from the Department for a fee of \$2.50. I urge the committees support of this bill.

PROPONENTS:

LES GRAHAM AND CHARLES BROWN, Department of Livestock, explained that because of a question about legality of the Department picking up bill of sales the law was changed in 1975. This bill will require the owner to give the inspector the bill of sale and he will send the bill of sale and one copy of the inspection report to the Department for filing.

The Department proposed the following amendment to the bill:

Page 1, line 14.

Following: "is made"

Insert: ", or whenever a buyer of livestock requests a county-line or state-line inspection for livestock exempt from the change of ownership inspection because they were purchased in lots of 5 head or less."

Questions were asked by the committee and the hearing on Senate Bill No. 68 was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

SENATE BILL NO. 68

Representative Conroy moved, TO AMEND. The motion was passed unanimously (amendments attached)

Representative Conroy moved, DO PASS AS AMENDED. The motion was passed unanimously.

HOUSE BILL NO. 271

Representative Hand moved, DO NOT PASS. The motion was passed unanimous

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

William M. Day, Chairman

Judy J. Mook, Secretary