

HOUSE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

March 2, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Day at 12:30 p.m. with all members present except Representatives Brand, Ellerd, Hayne, Hirsch, and Roth.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Chairman Day announced that Senator Smith was out of town and he would be back on Monday so this bill will be postponed until Monday.

SENATE BILL NO. 436

SENATOR CARROLL GRAHAM, Chief Sponsor, explained that the interim committee on livestock discussed this problem and decided that any cattle that have a change of ownership have to be inspected. He stated that they had ran into opposition from the dairy ranchers and the purebred horse breeders. They have to pay an inspector to come out and inspect plus pay mileage. This can get expensive with all the trading that goes on. After considering this they came up with SB 436. If 5 head or less are exchanged you have to make a report to the Department within 10 days after the sale, so they have a record of the sales. The Department will prepare a form for the ranchers to fill out and send in. This will be an effective way to keep track of the livestock. They could not come up with another way without the inspection of each head. "I think it will work and so does the Department."

He concluded by stating that there had been no objection at all in the Senate Committee or on the Senate Floor.

Questions were asked by the committee and the hearing on SB 436 was closed.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

SENATOR BOB BROWN, Chief Sponsor, introduced the resolution. He stated that when agriculture is making money so is everyone else. Agricultural money turns over 7 different times. This resolution is a gentle reminder to President Carter and the Congress to raise commodity loan and target prices to parity levels, to benefit agriculture.

He concluded by stating that there was going to be various farm organizations here to testify but they must have gotten the time of the hearing confused, because they are not here.

Chairman Day said he would hold the bill if they wished to testify at the nex meeting.

Questions were asked by the committee and the hearing on SJR 14 was closed.

RICK BOYLAN, Associated Students of Montana State University, presented the committee with an appropriation proposal. They felt that the people interested in agriculture should see this request and what is happening in appropriations.

He explained that this appropriation was not essentially for a veterinary school, but to bring trained people to any state instead of sending students out of state. (proposal attached)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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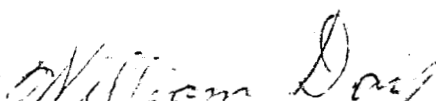
Chairman Day asked Senator Brown if he had any objections to the committee taking action on this resolution. He said he did not.

Representative Lien moved, BE CONCURRED IN. The motion was carried unanimously.

SENATE BILL NO. 436

Representative Lien moved, BE CONCURRED IN. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



William M. Day, Chairman

Judy J. Mook, Secretary