

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 31, 1979

The nineth meeting of the Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee was called to order on the above date in Room 415 of the State Capitol Building by Chairman Galt at 12:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exception of Senators Graham, Kolstad and Nelson.

The following witnesses were present to testify:

Burt Hurwitz	Representative - sponsor
Charles Brown	Dept. of Livestock
Gary Langley	Montana Stockgrowers Assoc.
Jim Glosser	Dept. of Livestock

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 134: Representative Burt Hurwitz, district 45 said he had introduced this bill at the request of the Department of Livestock, Animal Health Division. The bill would allow the department to charge a fee for dipping and testing services upon livestock that are not diseased or exposed to some disease. He stated that there is a serious epidemic of scabies in the surrounding states. The Animal Health Division is working hard to see that we do not get the epidemic. All cattle coming into the state have to be dipped. The department has a portable dipping vat in certain areas where there is no commerical vat. This bill would allow them to charge a fee for their services. They do not charge if the animals are diseased.

Dr. Glosser said this bill is primarily for incoming cattle. However, if a rancher in the state wants to dip his cattle the department will make the vat available to him, but they would like to recover the costs of their services. The only time the department would insist that the cattle be dipped is to prevent an epidemic.

Gary Langley, arose in support of the bill.

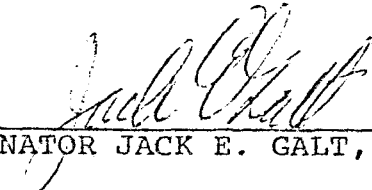
During discussion Mr. Brown said that during the dipping process a veterinary or a person qualified with the chemicals used for dipping is present. Mr. Glosser said at the present time the money they do receive goes into the general fund and this bill would put it back into the earmarked revenue fund.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 134: There being no further proponents and no opponents the hearing was concluded.

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Senator Conover moved that House Bill 134 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried. Senators Graham, Kolstad and Nelson absent.

Senator Conover will carry the bill on the floor.



SENATOR JACK E. GALT, Chairman

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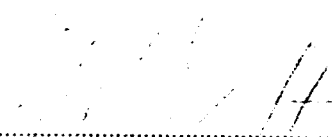
MR. President

We, your committee on Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation

having had under consideration House Bill No. 134

Respectfully report as follows: That House Bill No. 134

BE CONCURRED IN
DO PASS


Senate Jack E. Galt, Chairman.