

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

February 2, 1979

The tenth 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 Senator Nelson. Senator Graham was excused.

The following witnesses were present to testify:

Rep. Les Hirsch	sponsor
Les Graham	Department of Livestock
Mons Teigen	Montana Stockgrowers-Montana Woolgrowers

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 218: Representative Les Hirsch, district #52 had introduced this bill at the request of the Department of Livestock. Prior to this bill the law stated that the department had to pay all costs incurred from the holding of estray animals. This bill would allow the department to recapture the expenses incurred when these animals are gathered and held for a time before the owner claims them.

Mr. Les Graham stated that at the current time the department has two options. They can send them to an auction yard if they do not find the owner, and they can advertise the estray animals for 30 days before selling. They cannot sell the animals if they know who the owner is.

Mr. Mons Teigen, said the organizations he represented are in total support of the bill. He said the department of livestock is funded by the livestock industry and they see no justification why the industry should finance this type of expense.

There were no further proponents to the bill and no opponents.

During discussion Les Graham stated that if the owners never claim the cattle the only recourse the department has is to file a lien. He also mentioned that most of these types of problems occur around the larger cities.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 218: Senator Kolstad moved that House Bill 218 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried.  
Note: Senators Graham and Nelson absent.

Senator Kolstad will carry the bill on the floor.

Meeting adjourned.

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## ROLL CALL

## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

46th LEGISLATIVE SESSION - 1979

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# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. .... President .....

We, your committee on ..... Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation .....

having had under consideration ..... House ..... Bill No. 218 .....

Respectfully report as follows: That ..... House ..... Bill No. 218 .....

BE CONCURRED IN

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STATE PUB. CO.  
Helena, Mont.

SENATOR JACK E. GALT, Chairman.