

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

February 7, 1979

The meeting of this committee was called to order by Senator Conover, acting chairman, on the above date at 12:40 p.m. in Room 415 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present with the exception of Senators Kolstad, Aklestad and Nelson who were excused.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14: Senator Conover placed SJR before the committee for consideration.

The chief sponsor of SJR, Senator Bob Brown of Kalispell, explained the resolution briefly to the committee and introduced the main proponent of SJR 14, Mr Ron de Yong of the Kalispell area. Mr. de Yong read a prepared statement which explained the resolution as he had written it for Senator Brown. (See attachment #1)

Other proponents who appeared in support of SJR 14 were:

Sharon Peterson, representing WIFE and National Farmers' Org'n.
Ann Page, representing the Montana Farmers' Union

Both of the above proponents simply stated that their organizations were in support of SJR 14.

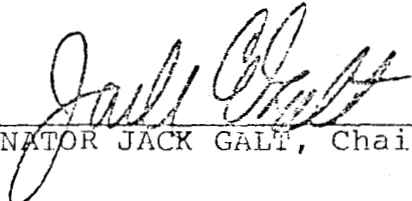
DISPOSITION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14:

Senator Graham suggested that the Secretary of Agriculture be inserted in the directions to whom the resolution is to be sent in Washington, D.C..

Senator Tom Hager moved that the resolution be amended as follows: Page 3, line 1, following line 24 on page 2, inserting: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: the President of the United States, the United State's Secretary of Agriculture and Montana's Congressional Delegation." Motion carried.

Senator Hager then moved that SJR, as so amended, DO PASS. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the committee at this time, they adjourned at 1:25 p.m..



SENATOR JACK GALT, Chairman

Ag Senate Committee Hearing

My name is Lou de Young. My wife and I own and operate a 320 acre farm five miles east of Kalispell. We raise wheat, milling barley, feed barley, some livestock and are experimenting with mint. We are actively involved in Farmers Unions, WFTU and American Agriculture organizations.

Before this legislative session began, my wife and I had the opportunity to discuss the major parts of this bill with our good friends Senator Bob Brown and his wife Sue. Bob asked that I write our discussions down in bill form so that it could be introduced during this legislative session. I tried to be concise and to the point on a subject that deserves much more elaboration. If I left questions unanswered or confused, I hope that I may be able to clarify them at this hearing.

With current agricultural protests taking place in Washington D.C. the timing of this hearing is ideal. The farmers who are in Washington D.C. are desperate. They represent farmers throughout the United States who are facing depressed farm prices and continued inflation in the items they must buy. Farmers in Washington

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. President:

We, your committee on Agriculture

having had under consideration Senate Joint Resolution 14

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Joint Resolution 14 be amended in the introduced bill as follows:

1. Page 3, line 1.
Following: line 24 on page 2
Insert: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to: the President of the United States, the United State's Secretary of Agriculture and Montana's Congressional Delegation."

And, as so amended,

DO PASS

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