

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

April 10, 1979

The twenty-ninth meeting of the Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee was called to order on the above date in Room 415 of the State Capitol By Chairman Galt at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTION 6: Senator Kolstad was the chief sponsor of this bill. It had also been signed by 48 other senators. Senator Olson who was recuperating in the hospital was the only Senator not on the resolution. This resolution encourages the Congress to look at their policy of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the fencing of Tiber Reservoir. There would be approximately 165 miles of fence. The terrain is very rough and the upkeep on the fence would essentially be impossible. He felt this would be an unnecessary added expense to the taxpayers and would also preclude the livestock people along this lake from watering their livestock. It has been used for many years for stockwatering but it has now been taken over by the Bureau of Reclamation. The sportsmen are also opposed to the fencing project.

There were no further proponents and no opponents.

DISPOSITION OF SENATE RESOLUTION 6: Senator Aklestad moved that the resolution BE ADOPTED. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 62: Representative Lien was present to present this bill. He stated that this was a direct result of a Senate Bill that had been transmitted just before the deadline and the bill had had several problems. The Board of Regents said they are not going to certify seed and they want to get out of it. They said they would agree to a two year moratorium to do the certifying if during the interim a study was done to find another certifying agency. The Board of Regents felt the Department of Agriculture should be the certifying agency. Rep. Lien felt it was imperative that something be done about this during the interim.

Jack Gunderson, Department of Agriculture, said if the department were put into the certifying business as it is now they would be having the same problems as MSU so he felt there was definitely a need for the study.

Rep. Lien in closing said that if the Legislative Council's budget couldn't handle the travel expenses he felt there would be enough interested people to travel at their own expense that the study could be done.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 62: Senator Aklestad moved that the resolution BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONSIDER ACTION ON SENATE RESOLUTON 4:

Senator Kolstad moved that the committee reconsider its action on Senate Resolution 6 for the purpose of an amendment. Motion carried.

Senator Kolstad moved to amend the bill on line 20, by striking "and" and on line 21, following "district" to insert ", and the Honorable Pat Williams, Congressman for Montana's western district". Motion carried.

He then moved that the resolution Be Adopted as Amended. Motion carried.

J. E. Galt
SENATOR JACK E. GALT, Chairman

Date 4-10

ROLL CALL

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

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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 Joint Resolution Bill No. 62

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Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution Bill No. 62

DO PASS
BE CONCURRED IN

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 10 1979

MR. President

We, your committee on Agriculture, Livestock & Irrigation

having had under consideration Senate Resolution Bill No. 6

Respectfully report as follows: That Senate Resolution Bill No. 6, introduced bill, be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 20.

Strike: "and"

2. Page 2, line 21.

Following: "district"

Insert: ", and the Honorable Pat Williams, Congressman from Montana's western district"

Approved as so amended

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