

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
January 14, 1981

The meeting of the Agriculture Committee was called to order by CHAIRMAN CARL SMITH at 12:30 p.m. on January 14, 1981 in room 431 of the Capitol.

Roll call was taken with all members present but REPRESENTATIVE ELLERD.

The meeting was called into EXECUTIVE SESSION.

HOUSE BILL 107, "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK OF RULES FOR THE INSPECTION, TESTING, TREATMENT, OR DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS OTHER THAN LIVESTOCK AFFECTED WITH OR WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO DISEASE; AMENDING SECTION 81-2-103, MCA.", was presented by the sponsor, REPRESENTATIVE JOHN A. RYAN.

PROPOSERS for this bill were presented.

DR. GLOSSER, State Veterinarian of the Animal Health Division of the Department of Livestock, explained that this Section was drafted a number of years ago, and it was related directly to livestock, particularly to testing for infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, brucellosis, etc. The ambiguity is that the broad power of the Board and the Department, states that any threat to the welfare of the livestock, the Board has the authority to make rules, test or correct in order to prevent spreading of these diseases. It has been used in bison and elk. The broad interpretation would be that any animal would come under this law if it were proven scientifically to be a danger to livestock.

MONS TEIGEN, of the Montana Stockgrowers, Woolgrowers and Cowbellers, stated that all of these organizations support this bill and asks for full support.

The definition of brucellosis was given by DR. GLOSSER as, "an animal is any quadruped of a species that can become infected with brucellosis. The term includes, but is not limited to a member of the bovine, hog, canine, ovine, bison, goat or feline species or the genus cervidae, which is the elk". He also informed the group that no animal may be sold or transported without being tested.

There were no OPPONENTS.

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The Chairman called for executive action and REPRESENTATIVE CONROY made a MOTION that HOUSE BILL 107 'do pass'. MOTION PASSED with all members voting AYE.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



CARL SMITH, CHAIRMAN

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HOUSE BILL NO. 107

INTRODUCED BY

John H. Ryan

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION AND ENFORCEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK OF RULES FOR THE INSPECTION, TESTING, TREATMENT, OR DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS OTHER THAN LIVESTOCK AFFECTED WITH OR WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO DISEASE; AMENDING SECTION 81-2-103,

MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: Section 1. Section 81-2-103, MCA, is amended to read: "81-2-103. Adoption of rules. The department shall adopt and enforce rules for the inspection and tuberculin test testing of dairy cattle or other animals and for the inspection, test testing, treatment, or disposition of livestock ~~or other animals~~ affected with or which may have been exposed to infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous disease and for the quarantines provided for in this chapter or 81-20-101."

-End-

Do Pass

INTRODUCED BILL

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PASS

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 64-81

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received 1-9 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for H.B. 107 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 107 amends 81-2-103 MCA to require the adoption and enforcement by the Department of Livestock of rules for the inspection, testing, treatment, or disposition of animals other than livestock affected with or which may have been exposed to disease.

COMMENT:

House Bill 107 will have no fiscal effect on the Department of Livestock because the functions will be performed by veterinarians in private practice.

David M. Lewis

BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning
Date: _____

NAME Mons Torgon ^{HP} Bill No. 107

ADDRESS Helena DATE 1/14/81

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Mont Stockgrowers - Woolgrowers - Cattle

SUPPORT OPPOSE AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

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Comments:

NAME JAMES W. GLOSSER Bill No. 107

ADDRESS CAPITOL STATION DATE 1/14/81

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Dept of Revenue

SUPPORT OPPOSE AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

HB 107 Ryan

Les Grohan