

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
February 6, 1981

The meeting of the Agriculture Committee was called to order by CHAIRMAN SMITH in room 104 on the 1st floor of the Capitol Building at 12:30 p.m., Friday, February 6, 1981.

Roll call was taken and all were present.

SENATOR JACK GALT presented SENATE BILL 4 and Statement of Intent (EXHIBIT A), "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WEED RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION AND THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY: TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX LEVY OF 2 MILLS ON LAND NOT WITHIN AN INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION TO IMPROVE WEED CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT: ESTABLISHING A WEED RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

Senator Galt stated that this was a research act, not a control act, and that this bill is not an anti-chemical bill.

Approximately 35 witnesses and/or visitors were present.

PROPOSERS:

HOWARD LYMAN, a farmer-rancher feed lot operator from Cascade County and secretary-treasurer and elected committeeman of an organization called the Montana Farmer, stated they are asking the support of this bill. Mr. Lyman stated that he travels to all 56 counties asking what their conservation problems are and that they all respond that it is weeds. They have mailed out a weed survey.

In Canada there is a bill to stop 2-4D. This would be a destructive bill to us.

The "Letter of Intent" states all of the rules would originate with the Committee. There would be a "Good Faith Organization" that would handle problems as they come along.

This bill has been left loose enough so the Committee can have some rights as problems arise.

In reference to a suit that charged a weed spraying program caused abortions, he stated that this bill would deal with such a problem, but at present there is no organization that has funds to deal with those charges.

DOUG JOHNSON, Administrator of Cascade Weed Control, spoke as a proponent. Mr. Johnson stated that chemicals are not irradicating the weeds. There is a need for additional tools and we need more research.

DR. PETE FAYE presented a video tape showing the reactions of people all around the state and their ideas and opinions on what the weed problem is to them. Dr. Pete Faye is the Weed Researcher from MSU.

GARY GINGERY, Department of Agriculture, spoke as a representative for Gordon McOmber, Administrator of the Department. Mr. Gingery stated that they supported the education and research in weeds though they do not want to get into funding at this time.

RICHARD GANNON of Sun River, Montana, spoke as a proponent and compared weeds to a cancer. Mr. Gannon is from the Cascade County Weed District.

BOB STEVENS, representing Montana Grain Growers Association, stated thaty stand behind this bill 100%.

ANN SCOTT, representing the Farmers Union and Farm Bureau, made the statement that they do support S.B. 4.

BILL RILEY of Stanford, Montana, stated that this is where the farmers and ranchers tax themselves for a purpose they believe in.

BILL EDWARDS, Denton, Montana, stated that he was a banker dealing exclusively with ranchers and farmers who repeatedly state the biggest expense the them now is the weed control. His area is 100% in support of S.B. 4.

C. R. SAYLOR, Garneill, Montana, stated that he owns a 300 cow unit and 353 acres. His spraying costs for 1980 was \$17,598.00; land taxes run \$2,415.00; land payment, \$8,260.00 and personal taxes, \$3,676.00. He presented this for a comparison study. He does not believe it is just a farmers problem because consumers will pay eventually.

ROBERT MILLER, Monarch, Mt., Cascade County, stated that as a rancher and retired forest service employee, he works with a group in Judith Basin County in a study. He claimed that the Hutterites brought leafy spurge into our country. He also stated that this bill does not compete with weed control management law, but it is a supplement for it.

Mr. Miller continued, in saying that this bill will supplement the work that is being done in Corvallis, where they are studying insects and they could incorporate weed research with this. He asked to please support this bill.

HOWARD LYMAN stated that should this bill become law, there is a companion bill in Washington by Melcher that would have federal government pay to the land owner.

BILL McKAMEY, Great Falls, Mt., stated that he graduated from Montana State and that if they had the money and time they do have the personnel.

REPRESENTATIVE GENE ERNST, Standford, Montana, spoke as a rancher, stating that the cost of 2 mills per year would be about one cent per grazing acre and two cents per crop land.

RICHARD G. GASVODA, Fort Shaw, Montana, Cascade County Commissioner, spoke in favor of S.B. 4.

EARL WOHLFORM, from Canyon Creek, representing ASCS and USDA spoke in favor of S.B. 4.

OPPONENTS WERE ASKED FOR:

BOB THOFT, Representative from Stevensville, and member of the state weed control association, said that biological and pathological weed control approach is one you just don't run out and get an insect to eat leafy spurge. He said he believes in the purpose of this bill, but it should be put in the right perspective.

REPRESENTATIVE THOFT, stated that he made two trips to Washington, D.C., to get them to prioritize these insects and that they had some success. He said it must start at the federal level and has to go through due process. He believes the weed control program is doing a good job. It is his belief that some kind of chemical has to be developed to kill leafy spurge.

Two mill additional tax is going to present some resentment and the county may find their funds cut because of this mill levy.

The Extension Service does get information to the people. Wild oats are a problem, but with help from the extension office, he was able to eliminate his problem.

REPRESENTATIVE THOFT proposed an alternative to this tax; which is to go to Montana State University with the problem asking for a full time weed specialist in this state that can work with various existing programs.

JO BRUNNER, representing W.I.F.E., also spoke as an opponent, more or less agreeing with most of the bill with some reservations. (SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT)

IN CLOSING, SENATOR GALT challenged the opponent suggesting Representative Thoft might be a defeatist and asking why Montana cannot do anything by themselves.

DISCUSSION was called for:

REPRESENTATIVE ERNST asked about the railroad right-of-way and their contribution.

MR. LYMAN stated that the railroad pays taxes on equipment not right-of-ways, but they did pay on land they do own.

REPRESENTATIVE CONROY, referring to page 10, asked if the tax will be assessed if the farmer does not protest by August.

MR. LYMAN said that August 1st is the deadline, if the protest is not in by then, they will automatically be taxed.

REPRESENTATIVE FEDA referred to the Weed Research and Extension Service.

MR. LYMAN said the funding is very low and they cannot do a proper job.

REPRESENTATIVE FEDA then referred to the Fiscal Note: It would be questioned if those outside the ranchers and farmers would be willing to pay their share.

MR. LYMAN said he believed very few city people see this to their advantage.

REPRESENTATIVE JACOBSEN asked if a good job and research into this problem wouldn't be an experiment station.

MR. LYMAN said he believed the best place to test it is on the fields the farmers are having the problems with and with the expertise of the Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station.

In answer to REPRESENTATIVE BENGTON's question, Mr. MILLER stated that leafy spurge came into the state with import cattle brought in by Hutterites. Countries with spurge

originated in the Balkans, or wherever there is a neutral enemy.

REPRESENTATIVE ELLERD stated that he finds no fault when a group wants to support something but will they have the right to declare whether they want to be taxed or not?

Mr. Lyman stated that they will not be taxed if they notify before August 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



CARL SMITH, CHAIRMAN

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

SENATE BILL 4

Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee

A statement of intent is required for SB 4 because it delegates rulemaking authority to the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in Section 4.

Such rules are intended to include: procedures for the review of grant applications; criteria for awarding grants, including prioritizing projects and determining which plants will be designated as weeds; procedures for disseminating information to the public, including determining what reports are required; methods for encouraging grant applications from in-state; and a process for developing a needs assessment statement to determine the areas in which research and education will be emphasized. Recommendations for rules shall be developed by the citizens' committee established in Section 5 of the bill and the Director shall adhere to those recommendations as closely as possible when adopting rules. Whenever required by other statute or rule, the Director shall conform to the rules of Montana State University.

First adopted by the Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee on the 21st day of January, 1981.

EXHIBIT A

1 SENATE BILL NO. 4
2 INTRODUCED BY GALT

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WEED
5 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL
6 EXPERIMENT STATION AND THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE OF
7 MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY; TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX LEVY OF 2
8 MILLS ON ~~AGRICULTURE~~ ~~AND~~ ~~TIMBER~~ ~~LAND~~ PRIVATE LAND NOT
9 WITHIN AN INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF
10 FUNDING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION TO IMPROVE WEED CONTROL AND
11 MANAGEMENT; ESTABLISHING A WEED RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
13 DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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15 WHEREAS, weeds detrimental to agricultural production
16 are infesting both cropland and rangeland at an
17 ever-increasing rate, and current methods of control are not
18 always reliable, cost effective, or environmentally
19 acceptable, and the fragmented approach to weed control is
20 not always effective; and

21 WHEREAS, the loss of forage and crop production caused
22 by weeds is uneconomical to producers and consumers, and the
23 people of Montana are generally unaware of the severity and
24 impact of weeds on the production of food and fiber.

25 THEREFORE, be it declared that the public policy of the

1 state of Montana is to enter into and expand weed research
2 and education to seek nonchemical and other effective
3 methods of controlling and managing weeds and to provide
4 educational programs to increase public awareness and
5 understanding.
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

8 Section 1. Short title. [Sections 1 through 9] may be
9 cited as the "Montana Weed Research and Education Act".

10 Section 2. Definitions. As used in [sections 1 through
11 9], unless the context requires otherwise, the following
12 definitions apply:

13 (1) "Committee" means the Montana weed research and
14 education advisory committee provided for in [section 10].
15 (2) "Director" means the director of the agricultural
16 experiment station of Montana state university.

17 (3) "Land" means all ~~land-classified~~ ~~as~~ ~~agricultural~~
18 ~~and-timber-land-by-the-Montana-department-of-revenue~~ PRIVATE
19 LAND WHICH IS NOT WITHIN AN INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN.

20 (4) "Station" means the agricultural experiment
21 station of Montana state university.

22 (5) "Weed" means a plant designated as such by the
23 director.

24 Section 3. Administration. [This act] shall be
25 administered by the agricultural experiment station of

1 Montana state university.

2 Section 4. Powers of the director of agricultural
3 experiment station. The director may:

4 (1) adopt rules necessary for the administration of
5 [sections 1 through 9];

6 (2) designate as weeds plants that have an adverse
7 economic impact on landowners of the state;

8 (3) provide for the conduct of adequate, intensive,
9 and timely research and education into any areas of weed
10 control and management;

11 (4) enter into agreements with recognized local,
12 state, or national research or education agencies, public or
13 private, for the purposes of improving the methods and
14 techniques of controlling or managing weeds and increasing
15 public awareness and understanding of weeds and their
16 control;

17 (5) publish reports, financial accounts, and other
18 materials considered appropriate; and

19 (6) call for special advisory committee meetings.

20 Section 5. Weed research and education advisory
21 committee -- duties and responsibilities. (1) The committee
22 shall, as its primary function, represent the Montana
23 agricultural community while assisting the director in
24 establishing, monitoring, and reviewing the annual and
25 long-term goals and objectives for the weed research and

1 education program as established by [sections 1 through 9].

2 (2) The committee:

3 (a) shall provide advice and make recommendations to
4 the director on rules, designation of plants as weeds,
5 cooperative agreements and contracts, and the overall
6 administration of [sections 1 through 9];

7 (b) may hold public meetings or hearings in
8 cooperation with the director to determine local priorities
9 on weed research and education;

10 (c) may prepare reports; and

11 (d) may perform other advisory tasks as requested by
12 the director.

13 Section 6. Cooperative agreement. With the advice and
14 recommendations of the committee, the agricultural
15 experiment station and cooperative extension service shall
16 enter into a cooperative agreement establishing the
17 responsibilities and duties of each of them in carrying out
18 functions of [sections 1 through 9]. The agreement shall
19 establish a mechanism for funding the educational activities
20 of the cooperative extension service on a long-term and
21 biennium basis in compliance with [sections 1 through 9].

22 Section 7. Reports. The director shall make an annual
23 report to the committee by February 1 showing all income to
24 and expenditures from the weed research and education
25 account in comprehensive detail. The report must be filed

1 with the governor and must be open to inspection by the
 2 public during office hours. Duplicate originals of the
 3 annual reports of the preceding biennium must be transmitted
 4 by the director to the president of the senate, the speaker
 5 of the house of representatives, and to the chairmen of the
 6 agricultural committees of the senate and house of
 7 representatives by February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

8 Section 8. Receipt of gifts, grants, or devises. The
 9 committee and the station may receive any gift, grant, or
 10 devise for any research or education conducted under
 11 [sections 1 through 5] and may spend them in compliance with
 12 [sections 1 through 9] and the terms of the gift, grant, or
 13 devise.

14 Section 9. Weed research and education account --
 15 sources -- use. (1) The agricultural experiment station
 16 shall maintain a restricted account known as the weed
 17 research and education account. The following must be
 18 deposited in the account:

19 (a) the proceeds of all taxes collected under [section
 20 11]; and
 21 (b) the proceeds of all gifts, grants, and devises to
 22 the committee or the station for research and education
 23 under [section 2].

24 (2) The account must be maintained for the purposes of
 25 [this act] and must be separate from all other accounts of

1 the station.

2 Section 10. Weed research and education advisory
 3 committee created -- qualifications and term of members. (1)
 4 There is a weed research and education advisory committee.

5 (2) The committee consists of 11 12 members. Seven
 6 members shall be appointed by the governor and four FIVE
 7 members shall be ex officio members as provided in
 8 subsection (4).

9 (3) The governor shall appoint one committee member
 10 from each of the following districts:

11 (a) District I consisting of Lincoln, Flathead,
 12 Sanders, Lake, Deer Lodge, Mineral, Missoula, Powell,
 13 Ravalli, and Granite Counties;

14 (b) District II consisting of Glacier, Toole, Liberty,
 15 Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Pondera, Chouteau, and Teton
 16 Counties;

17 (c) District III consisting of Valley, Daniels,
 18 Sheridan, McCone, Roosevelt, Richland, Garfield, and Dawson
 19 Counties;

20 (d) District IV consisting of Lewis and Clark,
 21 Cascade, Judith Basin, Fergus, Petroleum, Broadwater,
 22 Meagher, Wheatland, Golden Valley, and Musselshell Counties;

23 (e) District V consisting of Beaverhead, Silver Bow,
 24 Jefferson, Madison, and Gallatin Counties;

25 (f) District VI consisting of Park, Sweet Grass,

1 Stillwater, Yellowstone, Treasure, Carbon, and Big Horn
2 Counties;

3 (g) District VII consisting of Rosebud, Custer, Powder
4 River, Prairie, Wibaux, Fallon, and Carter Counties.

5 (4) The ex officio committee members are:

6 (a) the director of the department of agriculture;

7 (b) the director of the agricultural experiment
8 station;

9 (c) the director of IHE cooperative extension service;
10 and

11 (d) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE,
12 AND PARKS; AND

13 (e) a representative of the weed districts in
14 Montana. The weed district representative shall be elected
15 by a majority of the appointed committee members and shall
16 serve at the pleasure of the committee.

17 (5) Each of the appointed committee members must be a
18 citizen of the state and a resident landowner of the
19 district from which appointed.

20 (6) (a) The first appointments shall be made for the
21 following terms:

22 (i) two members shall be appointed for 1-year terms;

23 (ii) two members shall be appointed for 2-year terms;
24 and

25 (iii) three members shall be appointed for 3-year

1 terms.

2 (b) Thereafter, all appointments shall be for 3-year
3 terms.

4 (7) A member of the committee may not serve more than
5 two consecutive terms.

6 (8) The committee shall elect a chairman annually from
7 among its members. The committee shall meet at least once
8 every 3 months and at such other times as called by the
9 chairman, by three members of the committee, or by the
10 director.

11 (9) A committee member may be removed by the governor
12 for cause. Removal proceedings shall be initiated by
13 verified written charges. Within 10 days of the receipt of
14 the charges, the accused committee member may, in writing,
15 request a public hearing. The hearing shall commence within
16 10 days following receipt by the governor of the request for
17 hearing. The hearing must be conducted by the governor or
18 his designee. At the hearing, the member may be represented
19 by an attorney and may present witnesses in his behalf.

20 (10) A committee member who ceases to reside in the
21 state or in the district for FROM which he was appointed or
22 ceases to own land is disqualified from membership, and his
23 office becomes vacant. If the member refuses to recognize
24 his disqualification, the refusal is cause for removal.

25 (11) A member or ex officio member of the committee not

1 receiving compensation and expenses from other state sources
 2 is entitled to receive from the weed research and education
 3 account compensation of \$25 for each day he is engaged in
 4 the transaction of the official business of the committee,
 5 together with expenses as provided for in 2-18-501 through
 6 2-18-503.

7 Section 11. Weed research and education -- tax on
 8 agricultur~~at~~~~and~~~~timberland~~~~and~~~~refund~~ LAND -- ELECTION TO
 9 NOT SUPPORT RESEARCH AND EDUCATION -- county reimbursement.

10 (1) There is levied an annual property tax of 2 mills on the
 11 taxable value of all agricultur~~at~~~~and~~~~timberland~~~~and~~~~ref~~
 12 property PRIVATE LAND EXCLUSIVE OF IMPROVEMENTS THEREON
 13 WHICH IS NOT WITHIN AN INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN within the
 14 state for the support and maintenance of weed research and
 15 education as provided in [sections 1 through 9].

16 (2) Upon submission of a written request to the
 17 director of the agricultur~~at~~~~experiment~~~~station~~ of Montana
 18 state university, a landowner may obtain a refund of the tax
 19 he has paid. The request must be made not less than 30 days
 20 or more than 90 days following payment of the tax. The
 21 director shall upon receipt of such a timely refund
 22 request refund the tax paid by the landowner. The director
 23 shall keep a record of all refunds for at least 2 years.

24 (2) A LANDOWNER ELECTING NOT TO SUPPORT AND MAINTAIN
 25 THE WEED RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER

1 [THIS ACT] SHALL FILE A NOTICE OF ELECTION TO NOT SUPPORT
 2 THE PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY TREASURER OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH
 3 THE LAND IS LOCATED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1. FOR THAT YEAR THE
 4 2 MILL TAX LEVY MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO THE TAXABLE VALUE OF
 5 SUCH PROPERTY. A SIMILAR ELECTION MAY BE MADE EACH YEAR
 6 DURING THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM. THE COUNTY TREASURER
 7 SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL SUCH NOTICES FOR AT LEAST 2
 8 YEARS.

9 (3) As reimbursement for the administration of this
 10 section, each county is entitled to receive the greater of:
 11 (a) \$250; or

12 (b) 5% of the total tax collected by it including any
 13 tax that be subsequently refunded under subsection (2).

14 Section 12. Severability. If a part of this act is
 15 invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid
 16 part remain in effect. If a part of this act is invalid in
 17 one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect
 18 in all valid applications that are severable from the
 19 invalid applications.

20 Section 13. Termination. This act terminates July 1,
 21 1991. If this act is not renewed through legislative action
 22 beyond that date, any money remaining that has been
 23 collected under this act shall revert to Montana state
 24 university to be used exclusively for weed research and
 25 education.

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- 1 Section 14. Effective date. This act is effective on
- 2 passage and approval.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. _____

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 7, , 19 81 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 4 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). 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:

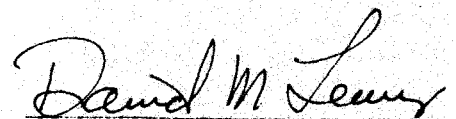
Senate Bill 4 establishes a weed research and education program within the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service of Montana State University. It establishes a weed research and education advisory committee and provides for a tax levy of 2 mills on agricultural and timber land for the purpose of funding research and education to improve weed control and management. An immediate effective date is provided with a termination date of July 1, 1991.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The property valuation of agricultural and timber land will grow at a rate of 4-5% per year.
2. The 2 mill-levy equals \$292,462 for 1980-81.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE IMPACT:

	<u>FY 82</u>	<u>FY 83</u>
REVENUE	\$307,000	\$320,000
EXPENDITURES	<u>307,000</u>	<u>320,000</u>
NET EFFECT	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: _____

NAME Howard F. Pomeroy BILL No. 4
ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 699 H. Pomeroy DATE 6 Feb 1981
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT MAFEC
SUPPORT ✓ OPPOSE AMEND

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

*I will provide oral testimony
in support of S.B. 4.*

NAME Douglas - Johnson BILL No. Senate B.11 4
ADDRESS 2208 5th Ave SW Great Falls DATE 2/6/81
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Cascade Co. 12th District
SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

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NAME Richard GARNON BILL No. SB 4
ADDRESS San River M.T. DATE Feb
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Personal creation and weed wood ch...
SUPPORT yes OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

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NAME A. Scott BILL No. SB 4
ADDRESS Home & Ellis DATE Feb 10 1968
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Montana Farmers Union
SUPPORT ☒ OPPOSE ☐ AMEND ☐

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Montana Farmers Union supports
SB 4. We feel the use of
the assessment & advisory committee
is a very sound approach to
the research program.

A. Scott

NAME Bill McKamey BILL No. SB 4
ADDRESS Milligan St. St. Louis DATE 7/6/81
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT McKamey Ranch Co
SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

NAME Richard G. Casuoda BILL No. SB 4.
ADDRESS FORT SHAW DATE 2-6-81
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Cascade Co Comm.
SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

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COMMITTEE

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S.B. 4

Date _____

2-6-81

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NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOS
Douglas Johnson	2208 5 th Ave SW Grt. Falls	Cascade Co. Wood Control	X	
R. Ward G. CASUODA	FORT SHAW	Cascade Co. Comm.	X	
James Graham	Sum. River 1411	Cons. Council	X	
Wm McNamey	Great Falls	Cascade Co. ^{ourself}	X	
Wm McNamey	Great Falls	Cascade "	X	
Wm McNamey	St. Helens	St. Helens		
W R Saylor	Garnett	Self Neighbor	X	
W R Saylor	St. Helens		X	
Chris Mangley	Drummond	St. Helens		V
Jim Stoney	Corvallis	MSU		
W C Wallborn	Comm. Creek	ISCS - USDA	X	
Keith Hansen	Idaho	ASCS Rancher	X	
W. D. BAXTER	Gr. Falls	RANCHER	X	
W. D. BAXTER	Idaho	Rancher	X	
W. D. BAXTER	Raymond	"	X	
Jack L. D. C. O.	Valley 1	Farm & Ranch		

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

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COMMITTEE

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SB 4

Date 2-6-81

NSOR

NAME	RESIDENCE	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOS
M. Spilling	Stanford	West Districts	✓	
J. Brunning	Helena	W. I. F. E.		✓
Pat Underwood	Bozeman	Farm Bureau	✓	
Dore Enns	Stanford	self	✓	
Howard Thomas	West Falls Mt	M. H. F. E. C.	✓	
Bob Thast	Steenerville	self		✓
Mr & Mrs C. P. Saylor	Garneill	Self.	✓	
Mr & Mrs Jack Watkins	Buffalo	self	✓	
Ken Thomas	Shelby	N. F. C.		
Bob Risher	Stanford	SELF	✓	
Bill Edwards	Denton	Self	✓	
Frieda Miller	Marion	SELF	✓	
Robert Miller	Marion	SELF	✓	
Bill Miller	East Falls	SELF	✓	
John Engler	W. T. Helena	N. F. C.		
James Welsh	Bozeman	CSU Exp State		
Tom Scott	West Falls Mt	M. F. E. C.	✓	
Bob Stephens	Denton, WY.	Western Grain Assoc	✓	

IF YOU CARE TO WRITE COMMENTS, ASK SECRETARY FOR LONGER FORM.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

NAME: Pat Underwood DATE: 6 FEB 81

ADDRESS: Box 1207 Bozeman, MT. 59715

PHONE: 587-3153

REPRESENTING WHOM? MONT-FARM Bureau

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SB 4

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENTS: The MTFBF supports SB 4 as
now amended.

Pat Underwood

NAME David G. Mattson BILL No. S.B. 4
ADDRESS Box 432 DATE Feb 5, 1981
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Myself - A small grain producer of Montana
SUPPORT ✓ OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

Committee Members. I am a farmer from Chester, Mont. in Liberty County. I have studied this bill before coming to Helena on Feb 3 and have spent much time discussing this bill.

It is my firm belief that it is once again a chance for the Montana producers and landowners of this state to take a leadership role to solve some of their own problems using there own voluntary contributed funds.

I fully realize the fears of many that much of the land not owned by private individuals will not provide their share of the funding, but with agricultures strong leadership, they to will contribute their share.

Mr. Chairman, committee members, for the record, my name is Jo Brunner. I am testifying today for Women Involved in Farm Economics.

Our first desire is to be understood very clearly. We do not oppose research and education on our weed problems. We are very aware of the vastness of that problem.

We, too, have wild oats and other noxious weeds in our annual crops and on our roadways. We have leafy spurge and Canada thistle on our range and pasture lands. We, too, want relief from this costly program.

Since the initial committee hearing of S.B. 4, W.I.F.E. has learned a great deal about this bill and about the existing programs involving weed research and control. Each drawback and virtue,-- programs inferred, intended and not intended, liked and disliked, both within and without said bill and programs have been brought to our attention.

We have been courted and ignored---we have been harrangued and cajoled.---Several times I have had the impression that had the name of our organization been H.U.S.B.A.N.D., that exasperated sigh I heard so often would have taken the form of the well know deleted expletive we hear so much about.

Indeed, on occasion, I have checked my name badge to make sure I was still a lobbyist, not one of the legislature.

Although I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of this experience, W.I.F.E. finds it hard to believe that such a comparatively small and fairly new organization carries the influence accorded such special treatment.

For your information, our organizational policy is dictated by resolutions and motions voted on by our membership as a whole. On the chance that W.I.F.E. does have that influence---I wish to inform this committee that our policy, arrived at in that manner, is that any monies assessed, allocated, or derived from any source for a weed and educational research program should be allocated and incorporated into existing weed research and educational programs.

Thank you for your time and attention.