

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE,
LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE, JANUARY 17, 1983

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacobsen on Monday, January 17, 1983 at 12:30pm in Room 129, State Capitol. All members were present with the exception of Rep. Ryan who was excused.

HEARINGS

HOUSE BILL 113. REP. DEAN SWITZER District 54, Dawson County, testified as chief sponsor of the bill, which would authorize the Department of Livestock to research livestock marks or brand histories and to charge a fee therefor, amending Section 81-3-107, MCA. He said the actual revision is made on page 1, lines 16-19 of the bill.

PROPOSAL

MR. LES GRAHAM, Department of Livestock told the Committee the bill does not include routine requests and is aimed at brand history research. He said records are open to the public, however, research on older records is often difficult and requires assistance from Department staff.

MR. MONS TIEGEN, Montana Stockgrowers Association and Montana Cowbelles, told the Committee he supports the concept of charging a fee for such research as it takes considerable time.

REP. LYBECK, District 16, testified for the Montana Cattlemen's Association in support of the bill.

OPPONENTS

There were no opponents of the bill.

QUESTIONS

REP. SCULTZ asked how research was presently being conducted. Mr. Graham replied it has not been done since May, 1982, as there has not been a full time employee named to the position. He said there numerous requests pending, but budgets prevent overtime pay for staff members who would work on weekends to complete such requests, adding recent brands have been put into a computer program to alleviate the problem in the future.

IN CLOSING, Rep. Switzer, recommended the Committee concur with the bill.

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HOUSE BILL 127. REP. TED NEUMAN, District 33, Cascade, testified as sponsor of the bill, which would reduce the required number of hours from 72 to 24 for notification of an owner, when a person takes possession of trespassing livestock. He requested the Committee strike language on page 2, lines 3-5 of the bill since it would be difficult to apply in most instances.

PROPONENTS

MR. LES GRAHAM, Department of Livestock said the bill is not intended to include an animal which strays onto another's property, but only those impounded for causing damage which might result in civil action.

MRS. JO BRUNNER, Women Involved in Farm Economics, stated her support of the bill and said it would be beneficial to livestock producers and is a necessary piece of legislation.

MR. MONS TIEGEN, Montana Stockgrowers and Cowbelles Associations, stated his support of the bill.

MR. PAT UNDERWOOD, Montana Farm Bureau stated his support of the bill.

OPPONENTS

There were no opponents of the bill.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the Committee.

IN CLOSING, Rep. Neuman, reiterated his request that the Committee stike language on page 2, lines 3-5 of the bill.

CHAIRMAN JACOBSEN advised the Committee House Bill 159 would be heard January 19, 1983 and asked that House Bills 85 and 159 receive committee action together since they are interrelated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REP. HOLLIDAY moved House Bill 111 Do Pass. Rep. Koehnke seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Committee.

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REP. BLISS moved House Bill 111 be put on the Consent Calender. Rep. Holliday seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

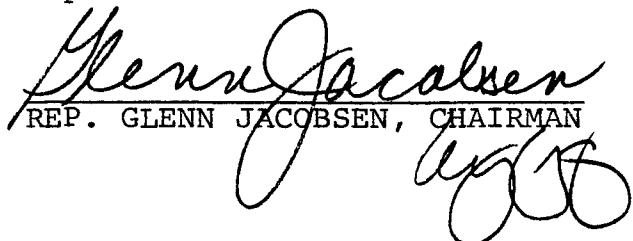
HOUSE BILL 85. Mr. John MacMaster, Legislative Council advised the Committee he would prefer to insert "which for the purposes of this part are limited to" on page 2, line 5 of the bill, rather than language proposed by the Department of Agriculture, "such as".

REP. BLISS asked if the opponents of the bill had changed their position with the proposed amendments to the bill.

MR. MACMASTER, further advised if "health" were removed from page 2, line 8, it would broaden the Department's ability to serve and protect the public.

REP. HOLLIDAY commented the matter of public health would remain the the Department of Livestock rather than the Department of Agriculture. Mr. MacMaster agreed with her, adding he would add a comma to the last line of the second proposed amendment, following "injuries".

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.


REP. GLENN JACOBSEN, CHAIRMAN
Joann T. Gibson, Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER:

We, your committee on AGRICULTURE

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 111

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE STATUTORY PROHIBITIONS ON DRIVING ANIMALS INCLUDE MOVING THE ANIMALS BY WHATEVER MEANS; AMENDING SECTIONS 31-5-301 AND 31-5-102, MCA."

Respectfully report as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 111

DO PASS (CONSENT CALENDAR)

REP. GLENN JACOBSEN

Chairman.

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HOUSE Agriculture COMMITTEE

BILL HB 127

Date Jan 17, 1983

SPONSOR Neuman

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

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BILL HB 113

Date Jan 17, 1983

SPONSOR Switzer

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WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Pat Anderson BILL NO. HB 113
ADDRESS 502 S. 19th Bozeman, MT DATE Jan 17, 83
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Montana Farm Bureau
SUPPORT C OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH SECRETARY.

Comments:

MFBF goes on record in
support of HB 113

Pat Anderson

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME

Lee Graham

BILL NO. HB 113

ADDRESS

DATE 1-17-83

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT

Dept of Livestock

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

AMEND

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Comments:

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Pat Underwood BILL NO. HB127
ADDRESS 502 S. 19th Bozeman, MT 59715 DATE JAN 17, 82
WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Montana Farm Bureau
SUPPORT ✓ OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

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Comments:

MFB goes on record in support
of this bill


Pat Underwood

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME Lee Graham BILL NO. 127

ADDRESS _____ DATE 1-17-83

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT Dept of Livestock

SUPPORT ✓ OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

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Comments:

as amended

WIFE Women Involved in Farm Economics



Jo Brunner

Jan 17/1983

Women Involved in Farm Economics

Support HB 127 -

W.I.F.E wishes to concern with the recommended amendment to this ~~law~~ we feel it will be beneficial to our livestock people & to those of us who raise only a few head of livestock and occasionally have problems with our own fences and our neighbors fences and livestock.

Thank you.