

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE,
LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE, FEBRUARY 9, 1983

The meeting of the Subcommittee assigned to study Department of Revenue proposed rule changes concerning agricultural land classification and assessment, was called to order by Chairman Spaeth on Wednesday, February 9, 1983 in Room 129, State Capitol, at 2pm, upon adjournment of the Agriculture Committee meeting. All members of the subcommittee were present.

REP. ERNST asked if a moratorium would create a problem. Rep. Spaeth responded saying there was no evident need for a moratorium since the effective date of the proposed rule change is 1986, but advised the date could be accelerated by the Department, which aroused his concern.

REP. SCHULTZ advised direction from David Niss, Legislative Council Attorney would prove to be satisfactory and it was his thought the Committee should hold a hearing on the matter. He said members of the Agriculture Committee had already notified their constituents of the proposed rule change hearing and requested their attendance.

REP. SPAETH told the Committee he liked the moratorium idea and said the Committee could give the Department special instructions next session if the interim study were not funded. He asked how production could be determined since the Committee did not agree with the capitalization method.

REP. SCHULTZ suggested implementation of grades for land within classifications, adding it would be complicated to do so.

REP. BLISS commented he thought owners of irrigated land could give up to 60%.

REP. SPAETH and the subcommittee agreed to suggest a short meeting on Friday, February 11, 1983 to propose a moratorium to the Committee and create specifics for the Department through an interim study committee.

The subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.


REP. GARY SPAETH, CHAIRMAN

Joann T. Gibson, Secretary