

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: By Chairman Severson, on March 28, 1989, at 1:10 p.m. in Room 402 at the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Elmer Severson, Sen. Judy Jacobson, Sen. Al Bishop, Sen. Paul Rapp-Svrcek, Sen. Loren Jenkins, Sen. Bill Yellowtail.

Members Excused: Sen. John Anderson, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Andrea Merrill, Legislative Council

Announcements/Discussion: The Chairman played a few tunes on the harmonica in honor of this resolution and the committee secretary, Lucy Borer, and Andrea Merrill both wore centennial dresses. Pictures were taken and there was a very festive atmosphere.

HEARING ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

Presentation and Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Clark stated that this bill gives the legislature's approval to commemorate the centennial cattle drive from Roundup to Billings. It will take place between Sept. 4-9 and we are expecting 10,000 head of cattle and we think it is going to be a good time.

List of Testifying Proponents and What Group they Represent:

Carol Mosier, Montana Stockgrowers and Montana Cattlewomen

Leo Ellingston, Montana Centennial Director

List of Testifying Opponents and What Group They Represent:

None

Testimony:

Carol Mosier stated that they are very much in support of this resolution. Most of us will have cattle in the drive and will take part in the drive. We are looking forward to it.

Leo Ellingston stated that the centennial cattle drive is creating world-wide interest. Our office has received telephone calls and letters from all over the world expressing interest in the cattle drive.

Questions From Committee Members: Sen. Yellowtail asked how all the cows will be watered and how will all the details be taken care of.

Ziggy Ziegler, Chairman of Sanitation for the cattle drive answered. He stated that the members of the board are going to meet in Roundup at the staging area and get a complete overview of all five-night stops. Sanitation is a matter of great concern. They have now cut off the number of wagons at 250 and there are 50 wagons still in reserve. There are 3,000 riders signed up and 3,000 head of cattle have been signed. In order to water 10,000 head of cattle we will need 800 tons of water a day. There is another committee chairman in charge of hauling the water. There is another committee chairman in charge of hay and feed. That will be 100 tons of feed per day. Radio Free Europe has already asked to be a part of this drive. They want to air six live remotes per day, by satellite, during the drive.

Sen. Severson asked about food. Mr. Ziegler stated the food will be served out of two semi's decorated like Calistoga Wagons. They will be able to serve 2,500 people per hour.

Sen. Yellowtail asked if it will cross the Yellowstone River. Rep. Clark stated that about 100 will cross representing the rest. Then those 100 cattle will be paraded around the streets of Billings.

Sen. Jenkins asked Mr. Ellingston what would be happening in Billings during the cattle drive. Mr. Ellingston stated that a great deal of activities would be going on during that entire week. See Exhibit #1.

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Clark extended an invitation to anyone is interested in participating in the cattle drive to please send in their registration. For those who want to follow, there will be a party every night around the campfire when the wagons circle.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

Discussion: None

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: Sen. Jenkins moved the bill and it passed on a voice vote. BE CONCURRED IN.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 1:29 p.m.


ELMER D. SEVERSON, Chairman

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 28, 1989

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Fish and Game, having had under consideration HJR 30 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HJR 30 be concurred in.

Sponsor: Clark (Severson)

BE CONCURRED IN

Signed:



Elmer D. Severson, Chairman

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4: p.m.

THE GREAT MONTANA CENTENNIAL CATTLE DRIVE



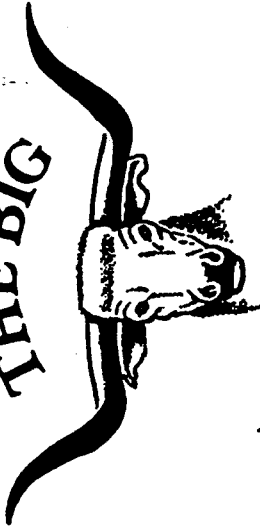
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BILL NO. HJR 30

THE BIG



DRIVE OF '89

SEPT. 4-9, 1989

HELLO, FRIENDS!

Thanks for your interest in the Drive of '89. Probably the most important thing is to let everyone know that the Drive is a major event that is being planned especially to honor the cattle industry in Montana. We're fixin' to start from Roundup, Montana, on Labor Day, September 4, of 1989 with a herd of up to 10,000 head of cattle and riders from every corner of the Treasure State and throughout the country.

The drive is expected to cover about ten miles a day through some of the most colorful cattle country anywhere, with wagons circled each night for feeding, conversation, and entertainment. Sleeping is optional, but recommended.

As organizers, we're doing our best to provide for the needs of every man, woman, child, and critter on the drive, from medical, veterinary and security teams to good food. Food will be provided either by the participants or bought from community kitchens.

The punchers who actually move the herd will be served by their own wagons. Hot water, if any, may be of solar type, that's not guaranteed.

Speaking of providing for needs, the modern day cousins of the old, beloved outhouse will be provided.

This drive will not be of the Hollywood cowboy school, but rather a 1989 drive which will honor and pay tribute to all the great drives of the past. We can't imagine why anybody in their right mind would want to wear a baseball cap, tennis shoes, hunter orange, a T-shirt, tank top, sunsuit and such, but we're outlawin' 'em just in case. Also no boom boxes or nylon pop-up tents. You get the idea. Motorized vehicles will not be allowed within sight, and no dogs, motorized or not, will be allowed.

We're encouraging folks who have 'em to put longhorns in the drive (there are already hundreds consigned). After all, those old mossy backs' greatgranddads helped start the cow business in Montana. Community cattle branding has been taking place since last spring and will continue during this year. The earlier the brand is on the hide the better the tanning process. The M-89 brand will be retired after the September '89 drive. Arrangements could be made to have the hides tanned so that those who want 'em will have a permanent memento of the Drive of '89.

Several days before the drive, in every part of the state, ranch people and their families will be busy getting their stock ready to join the herd at Roundup. Cattle entered in the drive—

no calves, please—will be branded with the centennial brand, checked for general health by local vets, cleared by the brand inspector. As the pre-drive excitement gets rollin', it will be time for get-togethers with friends and neighbors, and for barbecues and parties.

The end result of the money realized by entry fees, commercial sponsorships, film rights, and product sales will be for the benefit of the Montana Community Foundation endowment, with the earnings designated to help in the education of Montana youth.

We hope this covers most of your questions, but if we've missed some, feel free to call or write us: Latigo Corporation, P.O. Box 1989B, Billings, MT 59101. Phone: 406-245-2655.

The Great Montana Cattle Drive has the support of the communities and cities surrounding or near the Cattle Drive route. Events are being planned in Laurel, Hardin, Red Lodge, Roundup, and Billings that will range from daily rodeos, ice cream socials, and pitch fork barbecues to Western Poetry readings, historic plays and costumed balls.



Brevet Colonel

Centennial Cattle Drive Campaign

Originator of Rick O'Shay & Latigo comic strip.