

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: By Chairman Tom Beck, on April 11, 1989, at
12:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Senator Hubert Abrams, Senator Gary
Aklestad, Senator Gerry Devlin, Senator Greg Jergeson,
Senator Gene Thayer, Senator Bob Williams, Senator Tom
Beck

Members Excused: Senator Esther Bengtson and Senator Jack
Galt

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Doug Sternberg, Legislative Council

Announcements/Discussion: None

Closing by Sponsor: Representative Westlake stated the
reason HB 398 was a separate appropriation was because
the potato growers association wanted more
sophisticated equipment. "The research project center
at the university said they couldn't afford the new
equipment. We studied to see where this kind of a
project would qualify for some funds that might be
available. In the Department of Natural Resources,
there was a possibility of surplus funds that might be
available in a newable resource development fund.
According the Department of Natural Resources, this was
a very restricted fund as far as qualifying for funding
or appropriations out of this fund. (1) We didn't try
to include an appropriation through the university
because of a research fund renewable resource. (2) This
could be changed as a university appropriation and we
didn't want anything like that to happen. It's a self
sustaining project, taking full advantage of some
existing facilities that we have all paid for. The
check off money does wind up paying for the indirect
costs to the university. I have figures of potatoes
shipped out of the state for certified free seed. If we
can better our system, we can double our production."

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 398

Discussion: Senator Jergeson - "If this bill come in before Finance and Claims, perhaps it would have a better chance of making it. But if it goes through the Agriculture committee it could fall to the bottom of the list of priorities. It probably will be better served, if it was sent to Finance and Claims.

Senator Beck - "If you had another \$400,000 appropriated, that would leave these people sitting out on the side with nothing." Senator Jergeson answered "Yes. Essentially, this language puts the bill at the bottom of priorities in Finance and Claims."

Senator Beck asked Senator Jergeson what he thought the committee should do with the bill. Senator Beck indicated that he would like to see the bill pass.

Senator Jergeson suggested that the committee concur in HB 398 and hold the Standing Committee Report until he checked with the Fiance and Claims Chairman.

Senator Beck reassured Representative Westlake that he was going to hold on to the bill to make sure he gets the funding.

Amendments and Votes: None

Recommendation and Vote: Senator Thayer moved HB 398 TO BE CONCURRED IN. The motion carried with Senator Aklestad and Senator Bengtson voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 1:00 P.M.


SENATOR TOM BECK, Chairman

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ROLL CALL

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
SENATOR HUBERT ABRAMS	✓		
SENATOR GARY AKLESTAD	✓		
SENATOR ESTHER BENGTON			✓
SENATOR GERRY DEVLIN	✓		
SENATOR JACK GALT			✓
SENATOR GREG JERGESON	✓		
SENATOR GENE THAYER	✓		
SENATOR BOB WILLIAMS	✓		
SENATOR TOM BECK	✓		

Each day attach to minutes.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

April 11, 1989


MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation, having had under consideration HB 398 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 398 be concurred in.

Sponsor: Westlake (Hofman)

BE CONCURRED IN

Signed:


Thomas A. Beck, Chairman

4/11/89
4:13 PM
5: P.

ROLL CALL VOTE

SENATE COMMITTEE AGRICULTURE

Date 3-11-89 Bill No. SB398 Time _____

NAME	YES	NO
Senator Hubert Abrams #8	✓	
Senator Garv Aklestad #1		✓
Senator Esther Bengtson #27		✓
Senator Gerry Devlin #47	✓	
Senator Jack Galt #46	✓	
Senator Greg Jergeson #48	✓	
Senator Gene Thayer #23	✓	
Senator Bob Williams #39	✓	
Senator Tom Beck #44	✓	
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Jaelene Johnson
Secretary

Tom Beck
Chairman

Motion: Do Pass - passed
