

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 52nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, & IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIR LINDA NELSON**, on February 1, 1991, at 3:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Linda Nelson, Chair (D)  
Don Steppler, Vice-Chairman (D)  
Bob Bachini (D)  
Joe Barnett (R)  
Gary Beck (D)  
Jane DeBruycker (D)  
Roger DeBruycker (R)  
Jim Elliott (D)  
Marian Hanson (R)  
Harriet Hayne (R)  
Vernon Keller (R)  
Don Larson (D)  
Jim Madison (D)  
Ed McCaffree (D)  
John Phillips (R)  
John Scott (D)

**Staff Present:** Connie Erickson, Legislative Council  
Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 3**

**Motion:** REP. BACHINI MOVED SB 3 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:** REP. ROGER DEBRUYCKER asked how many people used the Agricultural Assistance Program. CHAIR LINDA NELSON asked Mike Murphy to address the question. Mr. Murphy said there has been about 750 requests for the assistance program from separate individuals. He did not know how many were first time requests and how many were follow-ups. He said there were 350 requests for mediation, but not all of those ended up in mediation. There have been about 110 to 120 mediations to date, and 50 are pending while information is being gathered. REP. DEBRUYCKER asked Mr.

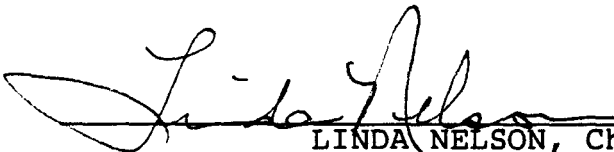
**Murphy** if there are as many requests coming in at this time as there were in 1989 and 1990. **Mr. Murphy** said there are not as many requests coming in for mediation now compared to those two years. He said the requests coming in for peer counseling have dropped compared to the past few years.

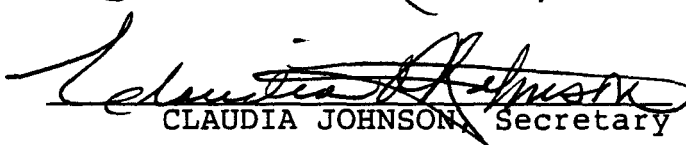
**REP. STEPPLER** said he has received information from the Wolf Point district from the Farm Credit Services and FHA. He said about 90 farm loans will be foreclosed on in the next few months in that area alone. **REP. STEPPLER** felt the assistance program would be receiving a number of telephone calls with requests for assistance from this.

**Vote:** SB 3 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion CARRIED 12 to 4 with REPS. **PHILLIPS, BARNETT, KELLER** and **HAYNE** voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 p.m.

  
LINDA NELSON, Chair

  
CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

DATE 2-1-91

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. DON STEPPLER, VICE-CHAIRMAN	✓		
REP. BOB BACHINI	✓		
REP. JOE BARNETT	✓		
REP. GARY BECK	✓		
REP. JANE DEBRUYCKER	✓		
REP. ROGER DEBRUYCKER	✓		
REP. JIM ELLIOTT	✓		
REP. MARIAN HANSON	✓		
REP. HARRIET HAYNE	✓		
REP. VERNON KELLER	✓		
REP. DON LARSON	✓		
REP. JIM MADISON	✓		
REP. ED MCCAFFREE	✓		
REP. JOHN PHILLIPS	✓		
REP. JOHN SCOTT	✓		
REP. LINDA NELSON, CHAIR	✓		

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation report that Senate Bill 3 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Nelson, Chairman

Carried by: Rep. Linda Nelson

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VISITOR'S REGISTER

*Executive Action*

*Agriculture* COMMITTEE *Sen. Rathe* BILL NO. *SB 3*  
DATE *12-1-91* SPONSOR(S) *Sen. Rathe*  
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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
<i>HARLEY WARNER</i>	<i>MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES</i>	<i>X</i>	

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