

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By CHAIRMAN JOE BARNETT, on January 9, 1997, at  
3:00 p.m., in Room 437

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)  
Rep. William M. "Bill" Ryan, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Peggy Arnott (R)  
Rep. Paul Bankhead (R)  
Rep. Harriet Hayne (R)  
Rep. Joan Hurdle (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore (R)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Gerald Pease (D)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Sam Rose  
Rep. George Heavy Runner  
Rep. Doug Mood  
Rep. Bill Whitehead

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 57  
Executive Action: HB 57 Do Pass Unanimously

**HEARING ON HB 57**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Roger DeBruycker, SD 89

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: Rep. DeBruycker opened  
the Hearing on HB 57. See Testimony (EXHIBIT 1.) .}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.2; Comments: Letter from Arlan Hrubes, President, Montana Alfalfa Seed Growers, (EXHIBIT 2).}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.6; Comments: Letter from Tom Parks, President, Montana Seed Trade Association. EXHIBIT 3.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.8; Comments: Letter from Rod Larson, Manager, Board of Directors, Montana Seed Growers Association. EXHIBIT 4}

Proponents: Director Ralph Peck, Montana Department of Agriculture, EXHIBIT 5.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.3; Comments: Director Ralph Peck, after reading his testimony from EXHIBIT 5, explained Sections of the Bill. }

Sharon Kindle, President, Women Involved in Farm Economics, EXHIBIT 6.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.7; Comments: Ms. Kindle gave testimony from EXHIBIT 6. .}

Opponents: None

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.0; Comments: Representative Ryan questioned the wisdom of an even-numbered voting committee. Director Peck explained there would be a cost involved to increase the committee and the Chairman usually does not vote. The voting is usually unanimous on the issues. }

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.9; Comments: Representative Adams asked why this was set up in two separate committees. Director Peck said at one time there was a large and valuable leaf-cutter bee industry in Montana which required registration. Now there is a life-time registration and the activity level has diminished. }

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.5; Comments: Representative DeBruycker closed on HB 57.}

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57

Amendments: None

Motion: Representative Story moved HB 57 DO PASS.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion HB57 DO PASS carried unanimously 20-0.

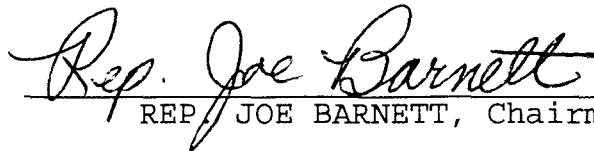
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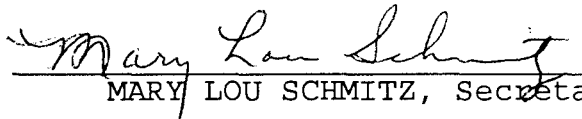
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:31 P.M.

  
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REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

  
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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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