

**MINUTES**

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

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Joe Barnett, on February 13, 1997, at  
3:10 p.m., in Room 437

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Joe Barnett, Chairman (R)  
Rep. John "Sam" Rose, Vice Chairman (Majority) (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. Doug Mood (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Robert R. Story, Jr. (R)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Lila V. Taylor (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)  
Rep. Bill Whitehead (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. George Heavy Runner  
Rep. Gerald Pease

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 474 - 2-11-97  
HB 489 - 2-11-97

**HEARING ON HB 489**

"AN ACT SPECIFYING THE PROVISIONS FOR A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
TO REGULATE THE NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION."

**Sponsor:** Rep. Bob Story, HD 24.

*At this point, Chairman Barnett asked for the cameraman's name and who he was filming for. He is Will Snodgrass, Missoula Community Action Television.*

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Story said this Bill deals with posting requirements for chemical applications and putting guidelines on local ordinances that deal with posting.

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**Proponents:** Pam Langley, Montana Agri-Business Association, EXHIBIT 1.

Ralph Peck, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture.

Scott Selstad, Past President, AMTOP. EXHIBIT 2 and EXHIBIT 2a.

Dennis Roberts, Billings, Montana. EXHIBIT 3.

Judy Stevers, Pro-Lawn of Montana, Missoula. EXHIBIT 4.

Brad Culver, President, Nitro-Green, Helena. EXHIBIT 5.

Mark Miner, EcLab Pest Eliminator, Missoula.

Dan Halvelsen, Mr. Green/AMTOP, Kalispell.

Don Allen, Montana Wood Products Association.

Steve Johnson, Golf Course Superintendent, Green Meadow Country Club, Helena, Peaks and Prairies Golf Course. EXHIBIT 6.

John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau.

Pat Keim, Government Affairs, Burlington Northern Railroad.

John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association.

Kevin Ferguson, Nitro-Green/AMTOP.

Russ Ritter, Montana Railink, Missoula, Montana.

Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association.

Bob Stephens, Montana Graingrowers Association.

Greg Chadwick, President, Montana Association of  
Nursery Men and Women.

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**Opponents:** Tony Tweedale, Missoula, Montana. **EXHIBIT 7 and  
EXHIBIT 7a.**

Will Snodgrass, Director, Missoulians for Clean  
Environment. **EXHIBIT 8.**

At this point Mr. Snodgrass showed video testimony  
from Dr. Hedapohl, Missoula.

Polly Bailey, Helena.

Ted Lange, NPRC, Miles City, Montana.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 82.8;}

**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Bankhead,  
Krenzler, Rose, Hurdle, Trexler, Taylor, Arnott.

Responses by Rep. Story; Mark Miner; Polly Bailey; Russ Ritter;  
Pam Langley; Tony Tweedale;

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Rep. Taylor questioned Mr. Snodgrass concerning the video  
testimony from Dr. Hedapohl and then asked to be reflected in the  
record that the video testimony from Dr. Hedapohl was not  
purposely taped for this Hearing but agreed that it could be  
entered in.

Mr. Snodgrass asked to be entered into the record that it is the  
Doctor's wishes that this particular tape be used as testimony  
here today.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; }

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Story closed the Hearing on HB 489.

**EXHIBITS 9 and 10** presented to Secretary after the Hearing.

**HEARING ON HB 474**

"AN ACT ALLOWING CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO MAKE EXEMPTIONS BY  
RULE TO PROJECT REVIEW UNDER THE STREAMBED AND LAND PRESERVATION  
LAWS."

**Sponsor:** Rep. John Cobb, HD 50

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; }

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Cobb said the Bill allows  
conservation districts to make exemptions by rule to project  
dealing with 310 laws, 310 permits.

**Proponents:** None

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**Opponents:** Mike Volesky, Montana Association of Conservation Districts.

Brett Brownscombe, Montana Wildlife Federation.

Steve Vogt, Bitterroot Conservation District.

Larry Van Rinsum, Vice Chair, Flathead Conservation District.

Gayla Hall, Lewis and Clark Conservation District.

Laverne Ivi, Yellowstone Conservation District.

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**Questions From Committee Members and Responses:** Reps. Rose, Arnott, Taylor, Jore.

Responses by Mike Volesky; Gayla Hall; Steve Vogt;

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 47.4; Comments: .}*

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Cobb closed the Hearing on HB 474.

Chairman Barnett asked permission to draft a committee bill dealing with a Resolution in support of the Governor's stand on the bison situation and send to Washington D.C. The Hearing will be Tuesday, February 18.

**Discussion:** Reps. Schmidt, Story, Trexler.

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Chairman Barnett read from the draft at this time.

**Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved a Committee Bill be written for Bison Management.

**Discussion:** Reps. Hurdle, Ryan.

**Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:45 P.M.

  
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REP. JOE BARNETT, Chairman

  
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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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