

1 *Knapp* *H* BILL NO. *189*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Roth* *Sminter* *Nathu* *Reynolds*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO CREATE A SCREENING
 5 COMMITTEE IN EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; TO REQUIRE THAT
 6 ANY BILL IN EXCESS OF FIVE INTRODUCED BY AN INDIVIDUAL
 7 LEGISLATOR BE APPROVED BY THE SCREENING COMMITTEE BEFORE IT
 8 MAY BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATURE; AND TO PRESCRIBE THE
 9 COMMITTEE'S PROCEDURE."

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 11 WHEREAS, the number of bills introduced into the
 12 legislature each session is far in excess of the number that
 13 an individual legislator can intelligently assess and pass
 14 upon.

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 16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

17 Section 1. Screening committee -- appointment and
 18 composition. (1) There is a screening committee in each
 19 house of the legislature. The committee shall be composed of
 20 seven members, no more than four of whom may be of one
 21 political party.

22 (2) The screening committee shall be appointed at the
 23 same time and in the same manner as all other standing
 24 committees.

25 Section 2. Limit on number of bills introduced by

1 individual legislator. Each legislator may introduce five
 2 bills that have not been submitted to and approved by the
 3 screening committee. If he desires to introduce a sixth or
 4 subsequent bill, the bill must first be approved for
 5 introduction by the appropriate screening committee.

6 Section 3. Duties of screening committee. (1) The
 7 screening committee shall determine whether the bills
 8 submitted to it should be introduced into the legislature,
 9 giving consideration to the workload of the legislature, the
 10 importance of the bill, and the existence or absence of
 11 similar bills.

12 (2) Whenever a similar bill has already been
 13 introduced or is also pending before the committee, the
 14 committee shall notify the sponsor of the bill under
 15 consideration and the sponsor of the similar bill and
 16 request that a compromise be agreed upon between them.

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INTRODUCED BILL

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SECOND READING

MISSING

1 *Senator* BILL NO. *189*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Jerguson Kolstad Bergren Hagen*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO EXCLUDE
 5 ORGANIZATIONS OF PRODUCERS ORGANIZED UNDER THE
 6 CAPPER-VOLSTEAD ACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF LIVESTOCK DEALER;
 7 AMENDING SECTION 46-2901, R.C.M. 1947."
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 10 Section 1. Section 46-2901, R.C.M. 1947, is amended to
 11 read as follows:

12 "46-2901. Definitions. When used in this chapter:
 13 (1) "Person" means an individual, partnership,
 14 corporation, association, or other form of business
 15 enterprise;

16 (2) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine, horses,
 17 mules, and goats;

18 (3) "Livestock dealer" means a person who buys
 19 livestock for his own account for purposes of resale or
 20 slaughter; or for the account of others; or for or on behalf
 21 of any dealer. The term does not include a farmer or rancher
 22 who buys or sells livestock in the ordinary course of his
 23 farming or ranching operation ~~and or an organization of~~
 24 ~~producers organized under the Capper-Volstead Act, 7 USC 291~~
 25 ~~and 292.~~

1 (4) "Meat packer" means livestock dealer in this
 2 chapter."

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