

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 6, 1985

The meeting of the Agriculture Committee was called to order by Chairman Schultz on February 6, 1985 at 2:45 p.m. in Room 317 of the State Capitol.

ROLL CALL: A quorum of the committee was present, with the rest of the committee members coming in before the meeting was adjourned. Representatives Holliday and Ellerd were excused by the Chairman.

Representative Switzer was appointed as acting Chairman as Representative Schultz was the sponsor of the bill and Vice-Chairperson Holliday was absent.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20: Representative Schultz, sponsor of the bill, opened the hearing on the bill saying that this resolution is to commemorate the Soil and Water Conservation for their 50 years of dedicated service.

PROPONENTS: Ray Beck, representing the Department of Natural Resource and Conservation, testified that the Soil Conservation Service has provided valuable assistance and technical expertise to Montana since they were established. He stated they work with the Soil Conservation Service on a daily, and, many times, on a hourly basis. They feel that the Soil and Water Conservation definitely deserves this recognition. His testimony is attached as Exhibit A.

Dave Donaldson, representing the Montana Association of Conservation Districts, testified that the Conservation Districts have worked very closely with the Soil and Water Conservation Service on a local and state level. They rely very heavily on the Soil Conservation Service for their technical expertise, development and maintenance of sound soil and water conservation measures. They feel there is a need to recognize the Soil Conservation Service for the work they have done in the past 50 years. His testimony is attached as Exhibit B.

There being no further proponents present and there were no opponents to the bill, Representative Schultz closed.

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There were no questions from the committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20: Representative Devlin moved to DO PASS House Joint Resolution No. 20. A second was received and the resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by all those present.

ADJOURN: There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

  
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JAMES SCHULTZ, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

Agriculture COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
James Schultz, Chairman	X		
Gay Holliday, V-Chairman			X
Bob Bachini	X		
Dorothy Cody	X		
Duane Compton	X		
Gerry Devlin	X		
Robert Ellerd			X
Orval Ellison	X		
Harry Fritz	X		
Ramona Howe	X		
Loren Jenkins	X		
Vernon Keller	X		
Francis Koehnke	X		
John Patterson	X		
Bing Poff	X		
Paul Rapp-Svrcek	X		
Gary Spaeth	X		
Dean Switzer	X		

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. Speaker.....

We, your committee on Agriculture.....

having had under consideration House Joint Resolution..... ~~XX~~ Bill No. 20.....

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## RESOLUTION COMMENDING SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

Respectfully report as follows: That House Joint Resolution..... ~~XX~~ Bill No. 20.....

DQ. PASS. ...

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION

EXHIBIT A  
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HJR 20

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Ray Beck, I represent the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

The Soil Conservation Service has provided valuable assistance and technical expertise to Montana since they were established 50 years ago. This is one federal agency that has had very few confrontations with citizens of this state. Almost everyone that has worked with or received assistance from SCS will state that they were very professional and helpful with their assistance.

We work with the Soil Conservation Service on a daily, and, many times, on a hourly basis. We feel that they definitely deserve this recognition through House Joint Resolution #20.

I would like to thank this House Committee for their support.

Thank you.

Ray Beck

Exhibit B  
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TO: The Honorable Jim Schultz, Chairman  
Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20 COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF  
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MOVEMENT IN MONTANA.

The Conservation Districts have a very close working relationship with the Soil Conservation Service on a local and state level. The Districts rely heavily on the Soil Conservation Service for their technical expertise, development and maintenance of sound soil and water conservation measures. The Soil Conservation Service not only benefits the agriculture community but all citizens of Montana.

In the present light of Soil Conservation Service budget cuts, we the Association feel there is a need to recognize the Soil Conservation Service work they have done in the past 50 years.

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