

Assembly
 AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 6, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hickey
 Mr. Hayes
 Mr. Dini
 Mr. Young
 Mr. Howard
 Mr. Getto

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Prince

GUESTS: Mr. Ballow, Department of Agriculture
 Mr. Warren, Department of Agriculture

Chairman Banner called the meeting to order at 8:00 on March 6, 1973. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss AB 333, 360, and 388.

Mr. Ballow of the State Department of Agriculture spoke on AB 333, requiring branding or branding and marking of livestock grazed on open ranges. He began by saying that this bill is offered so that the Department may better do a job primarily of retrieving strays and cattle where theft may be involved. At the present time there are a number of out of state cattle that have been brought into the State and turned loose on the open range without being branded with a Nevada brand. They comingle with other cattle and in the case of drift or theft the Department has no way to identify them because there is no registered Nevada brand on them. This bill would be an aid to the Department to get their job done better and easier. Mr. Ballow said that they suspect some people of taking other ranchers unmarked cattle and putting them in their own herds. Usually they leave some of their own also unmarked to justify having unmarked ones in their herd. Cattle must be branded after they are 6 months old and the unweaned calf does not need to be branded by virtues that the stays with his mother. Applies only where they are grazing on open range such as on BLM land or with forest service permit.

Next was AB 360, authorizing salaries for members of State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Ballow stated there has been a substantial change regarding the relationship between the State Board of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture since 1971. They were serving as an advisory board only although they legally were the head of the Department. They used to meet only once every quarter which was the minimum required by law. Since 1972 this has been changed to meet every 6 weeks and they are following the statutes more closely and are in the position of actually making a lot of the big decisions of the Department. Prior to this the Board felt that they were not a part of the

Department and now they are beginning to feel that they are part and they are serving the Department with their valuable services. Some of these members are well off financially but not all of them are. When they meet it is time away from their businesses or places of work and "time is money" so the Department is asking that they be given a small salary. Mr. Young commented that the only board of commission that is receiving more than \$25 a day is the Gaming Commission. Mr. Howard stated that there are several of this type of bill in the Ways and Means and they have established an average salary of \$25. Mr. Ballow agreed that it should be standardized with the other Commissions and Boards and that at the present time they are serving without any salary. Mr. Howard said he felt it would be difficult to sell \$50 on the floor and felt that it should be put into line with the boards. Mr. Hickey asked Mr. Ballow if this would be agreeable to them. Mr. Ballow agreed that \$25 would be better than running the chance of it being killed.

The was nobody available to comment on AB 388, removes requirement that Director of Agricultural Extension Department approve butter rules and regulations. Mr. Howard said that he felt that it was just a clean up bill to remove the conflicting language of the bill.

Chairman Hickey then stated that the committee would beginning acting on the bills that had been presented that day.

AB 333 - Mr. Hayes moved "Do Pass" and Mr. Howard seconded it. There were no objections.

AB 360 - Mr. Howard moved that "Amend and re-refer" and Mr. Young seconded the motion. There was no one opposed.

AB 388 - Mr. Howard moved "Do Pass" and Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

Chairman Hickey asked Mr. Young how they were coming on the amendments for AB 267, the Soil Conservation District bill. Mr. Young stated that the amendments had been requested and would be returned to the committee. Mr. Hayes made the motion that they "Do Pass as amended" and Mr. Howard seconded the motion. There was no opposition.

Mr. Young then brought up AB 321 which has a "Do Pass" recommendation on it. He said that he had been getting some reaction unfavorably to it from cattlemen and perhaps they should hold up any floor action on it until they could talk to the people concerned with the bill. He really didn't know what the problem seemed to be and the committee agreed that they would like to hear more about the feelings of the cattlemen on this bill.

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Mr. Getto said that AB 388 had been a result of a continuous battle between the Health Department and the U of N Extension Service and that perhaps we should have some comments from the Extension Service before returning this bill to the floor. Chairman Hickey said that he would contact the Extension Service to get their side of the issue.

Mr. Young moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Howard seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandee Gagnier,
Assembly Attache

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AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Date March 6 Time 8:00 Room 224

<u>Bills or Resolutions to be considered</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Counsel requested*</u>
AB 333	Requires branding or branding and marking of livestock grazed on open range.	
AB 360	Authorizes salaries for members of State Board of Agriculture.	
AB 388	Removes requirement that Director of Agricultural Extension Department approve better rules and regulations.	

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 3-6-73 BILL NO: AB 333 SPONSOR: Getto and Howard

SUBJECT: Requires branding or branding and marking of livestock
grazed on open range

Committee Action

DATE: _____ AMENDED: YES NO

AMENDMENT MADE BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>YES</u>	NO	GETTO	<u>YES</u>	NO
HAYES	YES	NO	HOWARD	<u>YES</u>	NO
DINI	<u>YES</u>	NO	YOUNG	<u>YES</u>	NO
PRINCE	YES	NO			

Disposition

DATE: _____ DO PASS: XXXX DO PASS AS AMENDED: _____

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: _____

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 3-6-73 BILL NO: AB 360 SPONSOR: Getto, Howard, Dini

SUBJECT: Authorizes salaries for members of State Board of Agriculture

Committee Action

DATE: 3-6-73 AMENDED: YES NO

AMENDMENT MADE BY: Mr. Howard

SECONDED BY: _____

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>YES</u>	NO	GETTO <i>late</i>	<u>YES</u>	NO
HAYES <i>absent</i>	<u>YES</u>	NO	HOWARD	<u>YES</u>	NO
DINI	<u>YES</u>	NO	YOUNG	<u>YES</u>	NO
PRINCE <i>absent</i>	YES	NO			

Disposition

DATE: _____ DO PASS: _____ DO PASS AS AMENDED: XXX

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: _____

Amendment to be to change the amount from \$50 per day to \$25 per day in line with other commissions and boards.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 3-6-73 BILL NO: AB 388 SPONSOR: Hickey

SUBJECT: Removes requirement that Director of Agricultural Extension
Department approve butter rules and regulations

Committee Action

DATE: _____ AMENDED: YES NO

AMENDMENT MADE BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>YES</u>	NO	GETTO <i>late</i>	<u>YES</u>	NO
HAYES <i>excused</i>	<u>YES</u>	NO	HOWARD	<u>YES</u>	NO
DINI	<u>YES</u>	NO	YOUNG	<u>YES</u>	NO
PRINCE <i>absent</i>	YES	NO			

Disposition

DATE: _____ DO PASS: XXXXX DO PASS AS AMENDED: _____

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: _____