

**Assembly**

## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 10, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hickey, Messrs. Hayes, Dini, and Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Messrs. Getto, Howard and Prince

GUESTS: Carolyn Oxborrow, Dog Fanciers  
S. D. Mastroianni, State Division of Health  
Ernest N. Scruggs, State Division of Health  
Mary Hansen, Review Journal

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 9:00 on April 10, 1973 for the purpose of hearing testimony on AB 791 and taking action on other bills previously heard.

AB 791, requires State Health Officer to determine sanitary condition of meat markets and requires such markets to conform to USDA standards for fat content in ground beef. Mr. Mastroianni of the State Division of Health stated that they now have routine inspections four times a year and if the meat market is not complying with regulations they have a follow-up inspection. If they are still not complying the Division of Health may revoke their permit.

An inspection of a market once a week can not be done and would not be justified. They do not have the manpower and there are less than 10% who they have trouble with.

As far as the hamburger goes, the fat content inspection has been done for many years. They also test for dynamite, filters, nitrates and other products. Hamburger is defined as not containing more than 30% fat. If they wish they have the authority to define lean and extra lean. They have a machine which enables them to go into a market and test fat content on the premises.

If they find a violation the violator is called before the commission for a hearing. 95% comply with the commission's findings. Those that do not the Commission has the authority to legal action against and fine.

Mr. Scruggs with the State Food and Drug Administration stated they figured they would have to perform 900 inspections a month totalling about 16,000 man hours a year as it takes about 1 1/2 hours to make a proper inspection.

Mr. Hickey asked Mr. Scruggs if they could estimate how much more staff would be required to implement this bill. Mr. Scruggs stated that they anticipated that it would take 12-15 more inspectors and about \$15,000 per inspector to keep them in the field a year.

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Mr. Hickey asked if they were aware of a TV show that had been put on in Las Vegas about hamburger and the bacterial content.

Mr. Mastroianni stated that he was not aware of it but that it had probably come about because situation with inspections in Las Vegas. The bacterial content in hamburger was not that important as proper cooking of hamburger eliminates all pathogenic bacteria. He further went on to say that he felt that there was no reason to pick up these samples but it had been done and it had caused some problems.

Mr. Scruggs stated that there had been numerous studies made and the federal authorities could not come up with any standards that would be a limit for bacterial content.

Mr. Mastroianni then stated that he did not feel that it was fair to pick on just one segment of the industry and require this type of inspection. He felt that it was rather discriminatory against the meat market and that they did not really have all that great amount of problems with them.

There were no questions or comments from the committee.

The committee then took the following action on bills which had been previously heard.

AB 791, Mr. Young moved that they indefinitely postpone this bill and Mr. Dini seconded the motion. There were no "nay" votes cast.

AB 790, removes price controls on fluid milk and cream, Mr. Young moved to indefinitely postpone this bill and Mr. Dini seconded the motion. Again there were no "nay" votes cast.

AB 792, requires package dating of fresh baked goods and dairy products, Mr. Young moved that the committee indefinitely postpone and Mr. Dini seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

AB 822, Appropriates funds to State Department of Agriculture for animal disease laboratory in Elko, Mr. Young moved that the committee indefinitely postpone and Mr. Dini seconded the motion. Again there were no dissenting votes.

AB 888, Mr. Hickey stated that he was withholding any action on this bill at this time as he was awaiting further information, but he moved that they indefinitely postpone AB 920 which was a similar bill. He stated that he felt that AB 888 was the better of the two bills. Mr. Young seconded the motion to indefinitely postpone AB 920. There were no dissenting votes.

AB 899, which provides for special property tax on cattle to

combat predatory animals. Mr. Young asked the Chairman to withhold any action on this bill until he found out about a similar bill in the Senate. Chairman Hickey agreed to withhold any action until later.

SB 195, requires labeling of commercial livestock feed supplements to show net weight and ingredients by percentage. Mr. Young said that this would help in handling the complaints that have been made that some feed stores have been selling feed as 100 lb. that did not weigh this much and did not list what ingredients were in them. Chairman Hickey presented comments on this bill from Mr. Galloway of the State Department of Agriculture. (See Attachment I.)

Mr. Young moved to "Amend and Do Pass" and Mr. Dini seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes. The amendment was to add a letter (g) to section 2, paragraph 4, to read:

(g) all sheep or animals of ovine species.

As there was no further business, Chairman Hickey adjourned the meeting at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandee Gagnier,  
Assembly Attache

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Date 4-10-73 Time 8:00 Room 224

Bills or Resolutions  
to be considered

Subject

Counsel  
requested\*

AB 791

Requires State Health Officer to determine sanitary condition of meat markets and requires such markets to conform to USDA standards for fat content in ground beef

MR HOWARD

SB-195 FEED LABELING

WE SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION HOWEVER THE PLANT INDUSTRY FUND DOES NOT HAVE THE IN-STATE-TRAVEL AND OPERATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS WORK.

TO ATTEMPT TO DO SO WITHOUT FUNDS PLACES AN INCREASED STRAIN ON THIS FUND THAT WILL RESULT IN DECREASES IN EXISTING PROGRAMS SUCH AS WEIGHT AND MEASURES.

FUND NEEDED ARE \$5000.00

ALLOCATED.

IN-STATE-TRAVEL - 1800.00  
OPERATING.

PRINTING	
ADVERTISING	
FIELD SUPPLIES	
CONTRACT LABORATORY	
ANALYSIS	3200.00
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	\$5000.00

(over)

WITHOUT FUNDS THIS WILL BECOME KNOWN AS NOT BEING ENFORCED AND WILL DO NOTHING TO PROTECT THE CONSUMER FROM DEFICIENT FEEDS AND TO INFORM THE CONSUMER WITH THE VALUE OF THE FEEDS HE IS USING.

THE DEPT WILL RECEIVE COMPLAINTS REQUIRING TRAVEL AND INVESTIGATION, TO PROVIDE UNIFORMITY WE WILL HAVE TO DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH COST TO ADVERTISE, PUBLIC HEARING, ~~PRINT~~ PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE. SAMPLING AND LIMITED LABORATORY ANALYSIS TO VERIFY THE CORRECTNESS OF THE LABEL IS A MUST TO HAVE ANY SATISFACTORY DEGREE OF ENFORCEMENT.

I WAS ADVISED THAT THE SENATE FINANCE TOOK NO ACTION TO PROVIDE FUNDS. NO HEARING OR COST TO ADMINISTER WAS HELD.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Attachment I

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 4-10-73 BILL NO: AB 790 SPONSOR: Smalley, Crawford, Ulloa and Vergiels

SUBJECT: Removes price controls on fluid milk and cream

Committee Action

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDED: YES NO

AMENDMENT MADE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>YES</u>	NO	GETTO <i>absent</i>	YES	NO
HAYES	<u>YES</u>	NO	HOWARD <i>absent</i>	YES	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: \_\_\_\_\_

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: XXXXXX

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 4-10-73 BILL NO: AB 791 SPONSOR: Smalley, Brookman, Bremner, Crawford, Ullom and Vergiels

SUBJECT: Requires State Health Officer to determine sanitary conditions of meat markets and requires such markets to conform to USDA standards for fat content in ground beef

Committee Action

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDED: YES  NO

AMENDMENT MADE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO	GETTO	<i>absent</i>	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
HAYES	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO	HOWARD	<i>absent</i>	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
DINI	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	NO	YOUNG		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
PRINCE	<i>absent</i> YES	NO				

Disposition

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DO PASS: \_\_\_\_\_ DO PASS AS AMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: XXXXX

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 4-10-73 BILL NO: AB 792 SPONSOR: Smalley, Crawford, Ullor  
Bremner and Vergiels

SUBJECT: Requires package dating of fresh baked goods and dairy products

Committee Action

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDED: YES (NO)

AMENDMENT MADE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>YES</u>	NO	GETTO <i>absent</i>	YES	NO
HAYES	<u>YES</u>	NO	HOWARD <i>absent</i>	YES	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: \_\_\_\_\_

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: XXXXX

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 4-10-73 BILL NO: AB 822 SPONSOR: Getto and Young

SUBJECT: Appropriates funds to State Department of Agriculture for animal disease laboratory in Elko.

Committee Action

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDED: YES (NO)

AMENDMENT MADE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>(YES)</u>	NO	GETTO	<i>absent</i>	YES	NO
HAYES	<u>(YES)</u>	NO	HOWARD	<i>absent</i>	YES	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: \_\_\_\_\_

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: XXXXXX

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 4-10-73 BILL NO: AB 920 SPONSOR: Hickey

SUBJECT: Permits sale of high quality raw milk in Nevada

Committee Action

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ AMENDED: YES NO

AMENDMENT MADE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>YES</u>	NO	GETTO <i>absent</i>	YES	NO
HAYES	<u>YES</u>	NO	HOWARD <i>absent</i>	YES	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: \_\_\_\_\_

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: XXXXX

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - 57th SESSION

DATE: 4-10-73 BILL NO: SB195 SPONSOR: Senator Monroe  
SUBJECT: Requires labeling of commercial livestock feed supplements  
to show net weight and ingredients by percentage

Committee Action

DATE: 4-10-73 AMENDED: (YES) NO  
AMENDMENT MADE BY: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. Young  
SECONDED BY: Mr. Dini

Committee Vote

HICKEY	<u>(YES)</u>	NO	GETTO <i>absent</i>	<u>(YES)</u>	NO
HAYES	<u>(YES)</u>	NO	HOWARD <i>absent</i>	<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: XXXX  
INDEFINITELY POSTPONED: \_\_\_\_\_

*Amendment:*

*Section 2, paragraph 4 add:*

*(g) all sheep or animals of ovine species*