

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 28, 1975

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hickey
Mr. Coulter
Mr. Jeffrey
Mr. Price
Mr. Howard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Getto
Dr. Robinson

GUESTS: Tom Ballow, State Department of Agriculture
Harry Gallaway, State Department of Agriculture

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 8:05 on January 28, 1975. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear the agency bills which the Department of Agriculture would like the committee introduce. Mr. Hickey then introduced Mr. Ballow and Mr. Gallaway of the State Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Ballow stated they had 17 pieces of legislation which they were interested in getting introduced by the committee. Some were quite minor and some controversial. The following is a list of these bills by BDR number and brief description.

- BDR 49-161 - Provides increase on apiary tax and fees.
- BDR 49-162 - Repeals provisions of NRS 555.230 dealing with Halogeton Glomerate.
- BDR 49-164 - Establishes authority for restricted certification of applicator of pesticides to meet federal laws.
- BDR 49-165 - Clarifies definition of word "operator" in statutes as applied to pest control.
- BDR 50-166 - Identify department's authority to conduct investigations.
- BDR 50-168 - Increase license fees of public livestock auctions.
- BDR 50-169 - Increases license fees for agricultural produce brokers and their agents.
- BDR 51-171 - Applies to revocation and suspension of certificate and licenses.
- BDR 51-172 - Regulates private weight matters.
- BDR 51-173 - Legislation regarding "restricted use" of pesticides.
- BDR 51-174 - Establishes mislabeling offense.
- BDR 51-175 - Fertilizer Act
- BDR 51-176 - Motor oil
- BDR 50-210 - Administrative Division within Department of Agriculture
- BDR 49-211 - Provides control for vertebrate Pests such as rodents.
- BDR 50-564 - Change rerecording time for brands from 5 to 4 years.

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Chairman Hickey asked how many were ready for introduction and how many were still being worked on. Mr. Ballow stated that most were ready for introduction with the exceptions of BDR 50-168 and BDR 50-169 and BDR 49-211. Each of these needs an amendment, or fiscal note. Also BDR-49-164 and BDR 51-175 both need to be re-drafted.

Mr. Price asked for clarification on the bill that dealt with motor oil. Mr. Ballow stated that it simply clarifies pre-diluted motor oils used in two-cycle engines. It would move 2 cycle engines into another classification so that their pre-diluted motor oils would not be required to have an SAE number. It was merely necessary to update the law.

Mr. Howard moved that the committee get copies of these bills for action by the committee for introduction. Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hickey then introduced Assemblyman Polish and asked him to brief the committee members on the plans that were being made to have the committee meet with agricultural people out in the counties. Mr. Polish stated that he was in the process of arranging a meeting in Ely for sometime around February 7. The members interested would be able to fly to Ely Friday afternoon, meet with the people there to discuss things that are of interest to them that will be enacted upon by this committee. It was hoped that the members of the committee could by this method get more exposure to the needs and feelings of the people who will be most affected by the legislation before this committee.

Mr. Ballow stated that he felt it was a very good idea for the committee to go to such meetings because anything that affects agriculture affects food prices which in turn affect each one of us.

Mr. Howard suggested that other meetings be held later in the session when the bills were actually in committee and about to be acted upon. Perhaps arrangements would be made for Winnemucca or Elko in late February.

As there was no further business for discussion, Chairman Hickey adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandee Gagnier
Assembly Attache