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## SENATE NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

April 7, 2003

- Mr. Chairman, Committee Members—Don Henderson, Acting Director, NDOA
- There are two bills in front of you today which are very important to the Department
- The first is SB 485, which deals with
  1. Formally establishing the Division of Measurement Standards within the department, a change which reflects how the department is currently administrating this division;
  2. Changes how the department certifies <sup>Exec.</sup> and collects fees for the testing of measuring devices, in accordance with a ~~LCB~~ audit finding; and,
  3. Updates the statutes for the Division of Weights & Measures to better reflect technology and challenges that the Division faces today & to bring the involved State statutes in compliance with the uniform standards adopted by the National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST).
- The second bill is SB 486, which represents a consolidated bill that originally involved 4 bills ~~that~~ all dealing with livestock <sup>issues</sup>.
- Due to the complexity and importance of these bills to the department, I have asked the involved Division Administrators to present these bills and to answer questions you may have considering these bills.
- The Department is very interested getting these bills approved and out of Committee by the April 11 deadline. Based on this motivation, I want to assure this Committee that the involved Administrators and myself will be available to work closely with you and your staff over the coming week to reach this end.
- With that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to introduce Steve Grabski, Administrator for the Division of Weights & Measures, who will provide you with a brief overview of SB 485 and will be available to answer any questions that may result from this legislation.
- Dr. David Thain, Administrator for the Division of Animal Industry and State Veterinarian.....