

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, January 14, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	
	Rules	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Andrus
Vice Chairman Boyle
Rep McMillan
Rep Batt
Rep Bell
Rep Dayley
Rep Miller

Rep Romrell
Rep VanOrden
Rep Burtenshaw
Rep Kerby
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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2015
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle (Purdy), Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Bell and Erpelding
GUESTS: None

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

Chairman Andrus welcomed the committee members and noted the change in meeting time due to a conflict on the schedule. He reminded the committee the meetings would always be held on even numbered days and that we would wait until our next scheduled meeting to do introductions. He acknowledged the Secretary **Joan Majors** and Page **Shae Davids**.

Chairman Andrus assigned proofreaders to review the Committee minutes for this session. **Rep. Kerby** for the Majority and **Rep. Erpelding** for the Minority.

Chairman Andrus recognized **Rep. Purdy** who will substitute for **Vice Chairman Boyle** and thanked her for taking that responsibility.

Chairman Andrus told the Committee that we would be live streaming our meetings this year unless there were objections from the committee. No objections were noted.

Chairman Andrus announced Subcommittee assignments and rules topics they will be covering. **Rep. Bell** will chair the Administrative Rules Subcommittee, with members **Rep. Romrell** and **Rep. Erpelding**. **Rep. Miller** will chair the Animal Rules Subcommittee, with members **Rep. Boyle**, **Rep. Dayley**, **Rep. VanOrden**, and **Rep. Burtenshaw**. **Rep. McMillan** will chair the Crops Rules Subcommittee with members **Rep. Batt**, **Rep. Kerby**, **Rep. Troy** and **Rep. Pence**.

Chairman Andrus recognized and welcomed our three new members to the committee, **Rep. Kerby**, **Rep. Burtenshaw** and **Rep. Troy**.

Chairman Andrus announced the next committee meeting would be held Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Rules	
	Divide in to Subcommittees for Rules Review	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Andrus
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MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle (Purdy), Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Scott Leibsle, ISDA; Sara Arkle, ICL; Johanna Phillips, ISDA; Jodie Ellis, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Stacie Ybarra, ISDA; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator
Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MCMILLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Rules/Crops

3:30 P.M.

Room EW05

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>02-0303-1401</u>	Idaho Department of Agriculture Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation Use and Application	Ben Miller, Bureau Chief
<u>02-0602-1401</u>	Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law	Katie Mink, Section Manager
<u>02-0605-1401</u>	Rules Governing Diseases of Hops (Humulus lupulus)	Jared Stuart, Section
<u>02-0612-1401</u>	Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Fertilizer Law	Katie Mink
<u>02-0627-1402</u>	Rules Governing Bacterial Ring Rot Caused by (Clavibacter Michiganensis subsp. Sepedonicus) of Potato	Lloyd Knight, Administrator
<u>02-0641-1401</u>	-Rules Pertaining to Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001	Katie Mink

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Rep.Kerby

Rep.Troy

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MCMILLAN SUBCOMMITTEE
Rules/Crops

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

TIME: 3:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman McMillan, Representatives Batt, Kerby, Troy, Pence

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Dennis Johnson, Rules Coordinator; Sean Ellis, Capitol Press; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Katie Mink, ISDA; Ben Miller, ISDA; Lloyd Knight, ISDA; Jared Stuart, ISDA

Chairman McMillan called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0303-1401: **Ben Miller**, Bureau Chief, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, presented **Docket No. 02-0303-1401**. This docket updates the rules for ester herbicides. The request was to no longer list names of certain herbicides and remove a specific date for application. This would then change to a temperature model that follow manufacturer instructions for no application over 80° Fahrenheit.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0303-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0602-1401: **Katie Mink**, Section Manager, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, presented **Docket No. 02-0602-1401**, Rules pertaining to Idaho Commercial Feed. This rule would update the definitions from 2014 AAFCO (Association of American Feed Control Officials) to 2015 definitions.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0602-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0612-1401: **Katie Mink**, Section Manager, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, presented **Docket No. 02-0612-1401**, rules pertaining to Idaho Fertilizer Law. This rule would update the definitions from 2014 AAPFCO (Association of American Plant Food Control Officials) to 2015 definitions.

MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0612-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0641-1401: **Katie Mink**, Section Manager, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, presented **Docket No. 02-0641-1401**, rules pertaining to Idaho Fertilizer Law. This rule would update the definitions from 2014 AAFPCO (Association of American Plant Food Control Officials) to 2015 definitions.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0641-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0605-1401: **Jared Stuart**, Section Manager, Plant, Pest & Disease Quarantine Department, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, presented rules governing diseases of hops. This was a temporary rule which became a pending fee rule. **Mr. Stuart** stated that the regulated area would increase from Idaho and Oregon to include Washington as well as add diseases of concern. Mr. Stuart also stated that the fee would be changed to be consistent with other fees.

Rep. Batt wanted to recognize the Goodings Family who grow Hops, who are attending the subcommittee session.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0605-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0627-1402: **Lloyd Knight**, Administrator, Plant Industries Division, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, presented rules governing Bacterial Ring Rot of Potatoes. This is a pending fee rule. An emergency temporary rule was made in February 2014 at the request of industry. The new rule will replace the temporary rule. This would require reporting of Ring Rot to the ISDA when found in seed potatoes or tubers to prevent the introduction or spread of the disease in Idaho and throughout the country.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0627-1402. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Representative McMillan
Chair

Michele Jarvis
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BELL SUBCOMMITTEE
Rules/Administration
Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee
Room EW20
Tuesday, January 20, 2015

DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>02-0105-1401</u>	Rules Governing Certificates of Free Sale	Laura Johnson, Bureau Cheif
<u>02-0214-1401</u>	Rules for Weights and Measures- <i>Incorporation By Reference</i>	Stacie Ybarra, Program Specialist
<u>02-0214-1402</u>	Rules for Weights and Measures- Ethanol Labeling	Stacie Ybarra,
<u>02-0214-1403</u>	Rules for Weights and Measures Licensing	Stacie Ybarra,
<u>02-0633-1401</u>	Organic Food Products Rules	Johanna Phillips, Organic Program
<u>46-0101-1401</u>	Rules of the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine	Jodie Ellis, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Rep.Erpelding

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BELL SUBCOMMITTEE
Rules/Administration

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Bell, Representatives (2) Romrell, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Stacie Ybarra, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA); Johanna Phillips, ISDA; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Kevin Merritt, ISDA; Cindy Stark, ISDA; David Ogden, ISDA; Desiree Trueba, ISDA Intern; Jodie Ellis, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine Administration; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau.

Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0105-1401: **Laura Johnson**, Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Marketing Development Division, presented **Docket No. 02-0105-1401**. The changes to the docket are intended to make corporate practices more consumer friendly.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0105-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1401: **Stacie Ybarra**, Program Specialist, Idaho Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures Program, presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1401**. The changes are an annual housekeeping item done to promote uniformity.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1402: **Stacie Ybarra** presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1402**. The purpose of the rule change is to simplify labeling at the gas pump and conform with federal regulation.

MOTION: **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1402. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1403: **Stacie Ybarra** presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1403**. The rule changes affect businesses adding devices such as gas pumps and grocery store scales during the licensing period. In answer to questions, Ms. Ybarra stated the reasons for the change are (1.) To bring the device licensing program in-line with other license programs within the department. (2.) The procedures needed to prorate a device are more costly than normal licensing and add cost to the overall program. (3.) It is more equitable to all competitors when everyone pays the same license fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1403. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0633-1401: **Johanna Phillips**, Organic Program Manager, Idaho Department of Agriculture, presented **Docket No. 02-0633-1401**. Ms. Phillips stated this rule will repeal the registration requirement for operations with less than \$5,000 in gross organic sales, other certifying agents operating in Idaho, as well as the associated \$50 annual registration fee for those entities. There would be no impact on general fund revenue. The change would result in an approximate \$1,200 reduction in annual revenue to the Organic Food Program dedicated fund.

MOTION: Rep. Romrell made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0633-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1401: Jodie Ellis, Executive Director, Idaho board of Veterinary Medicine presented **Docket No. 46-0101-1401.** The rule changes affect the certification process for veterinary technicians.

MOTION: Rep. Romrell made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 46-0101-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MILLER SUBCOMMITTEE
 Rules/Livestock
 Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee
 Room EW42
 Tuesday, January 20, 2015

DOCKET NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>02-0405-1401</u>	Rules of the Department of Agriculture Governing Manufacture Grade Milk	John Bilderback, Bureau Chief
<u>02-0406-1401</u>	Rules Governing Licensed Dairy Plants	John Bilderback
<u>02-0414-1401</u>	Rules Governing Dairy Waste	John Bilderback
<u>02-0419-1401</u>	Rules Governing Domestic Cervidaer	Dr. Leibsle, Deputy Administrator
<u>02-0421-1401</u>	Rules Governing Importation of Animals – Meningeal Worm Parasite	Dr. Leibsle
<u>02-0421-1402</u>	Rules Governing Importation of Animals- Related to TB & VS	Dr. Leibsle
<u>02-0424-1401</u>	Rules Governing Tuberculosis	Dr. Leibsle
<u>02-0428-1401</u>	Rules Governing Livestock Dealers, Buying Stations, and Livestock Trader Lots	Dr. Leibsle
<u>02-0429-1401</u>	Rules Governing Trichomoniasis	Dr. Leibsle
<u>02-0801-1401</u>	Sheep and Goat Rules of the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board	Stan Boyd, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board

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Rules/Livestock

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TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Miller, Representatives Boyle(Purdy), Dayley, VanOrden, Burtenshaw
ABSENT/
EXCUSED: None
GUESTS: John Bilderback, ISDA; Scott Leibsle, ISDA; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Assoc; Stan Boyd, Wool Growers; John Jameson, Elk Breeders; John Robinson, ICL; Sara Arkle, ICL; Rulon Jones, Elk Breeder; Kathy Jones, Elk Breeder; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Roy Sterns, Elk Breeder

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0405-1401: **John Bilderback**, Bureau Chief USDA Dairy Bureau, stated this rule covers sanitary and milk quality standards for milk produced on a manufacture grade dairy farm and manufacture grade products, butter, whey butter and ice cream. There are six main areas of changed to the rule. Due to technology advances, there are processes that have also been removed. He said aligning with national standards is important to ensure Idaho products are allowed to freely move in interstate commerce. The rule formatting has changed to be consistent with the OAR requirement.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Bilderback** stated this would also include goat dairies they but did not participate in the writing of this docket. He also clarified that before testing, the milk was co-mingled.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Assoc., testified **in support** of the rule, stating that there is a potential for the dairy herd to be down graded to B level. He said it is important a message of weakened standards is not sent.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **Docket No. 02-0405-1401** to the full committee without recommendation for further discussion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0406-1401: **John Bilderback**, Bureau Chief within USDA Dairy Bureau overseeing the environmental compliance section. This rule governs the requirements for the design, construction and operation of dairy plants to process milk for manufacturing purposes.

MOTION: **Rep. Purdy** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0406-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0414-1401: **John Bilderback**, Bureau Chief within USDA Dairy Bureau overseeing the environmental compliance section. The Dairy Waste rule covers the requirement for waste system construction requirements and discharge from dairy farms. The changes to the rule are necessary to ensure the rule is consistent with the Dairy Environmental Act.

Sara Arkle, ICL, spoke **in opposition** to this rule because it was not properly vetted. She asked that the rule be rejected.

John Bilderback, responded to a committee question stating that there is not language in the rule that is not in the law.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0414-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0419-1401: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, stated the rule will increase annual assessment fees from \$5.00 a head to \$10.00 a head on domestic elk. Process inspections for chronic waste disease should be conducted every 5 years unless they are requested.

John Robinson, Public Lands Director, Idaho Conservative League, spoke **in opposition** to the rule stating chronic waste disease can spread between domestic herds or farm-raised elk and wild elk herds through simple contact or even contact with ground from infected area. The rule as drafted would dramatically decrease testing and inspection requirements but he does support the fee increase.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0419-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, reviewed the changes to the rule requiring a de-worming treatment for domestic cervidae before importation. A verification certificate from a certified veterinarian stating they have not been exposed to the meningeal worm, (*P. tenuis*) testing is also required.

Rulon Jones, Elk Producer spoke **in support** of this rule. He stated that research shows the worm is very treatable. He feels comfortable that it would not endanger any of his herds or any in neighboring states.

Roy Sterns, Elk Breeder, stated that even though it would make it more difficult for his business, he was **in support** of this rule.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0421-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1402: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, reviewed the rule changes removing the requirement that prohibits importing livestock originating from within a ten mile radius of a confirmed case of vesicular stomatitis. It is not necessary to restrict the movement of animals within a ten mile radius as the current standard accepted is to only restrict importation of animals from the affected premises.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0421-1402: Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0424-1401: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, said the rule expands the existing approved feedlot program to include criteria for cattle of unknown tuberculosis testing status to be fed to slaughter in feedlots approved for finish feeding.

MOTION: **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0424-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0428-1401: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, stated this rule applies to Livestock Dealers, Buying Stations and Trader lots. He also stated that their primary responsibility is to see that animals sold in Idaho are healthy. The rule will not allow any animal to be released without being inspected by a veterinarian, even when traveling in state.

MOTION: **Rep. Purdy** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0428-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Burtenshaw** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0429-1401: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, stated this rule is being adopted to achieve consistency with the statutory amendment passed in 2014. It removes testing exemption for northern Idaho to test for Trichomoniasis. All bulls in the state will now be required to be tested.

MOTION: **Rep. Purdy** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0429-1401: Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0801-1401: **Stan Boyd**, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, stated the rule reflects a change in the name to include Dairy Goats and a fees increase from \$.08 to \$.10 per pound of wool sold and an \$.80 per head assessment on goats.

MOTION: **Rep. VanOrden** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0801-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Representative Miller
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, January 22, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>02-0405-1401</u>	Report from Subcommittee regarding rules Rules of the Department of Agriculture Governing Manufacturing Grade Milk	John Bilderback, Bureau Chief
<u>02-0421-1401</u>	Rules Governing Importation of Animals- Meningeal Worm Parasite	Dr. Leibsle, Deputy Administrator
<u>02-0428-1401</u>	Rules Governing Livestock Dealers, Buyers, Buying Stations and Livestock trader Lots	Dr. Leibsle

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden

GUESTS: Bill Barton, ISDA; Forrest Goodrum, Ada County Fish and Game League; John Caywood; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman Association; Vicki Purdy; John Bilderback, ISDA

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 20, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding**, made a motion to approve the minutes of the Bell Administrative Rules Subcommittee meeting of January 20, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Bell** made a motion to the full committee to approve the minutes of the Bell Subcommittee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0405-1401: **Vicki Purdy**, retired dairy farmer, spoke **in opposition** to the rule stating the language written in the rule seemed too subjective. She asked what the consequences would be to removing this section of the rule.

John Bilderback, Bureau Chief USDA Dairy Bureau, stated the rule has not received any negative feedback. The dairies involved would be inspected by the Department of Agriculture as well as the dairy plants.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman Association, stated the purpose of their inspection is to prepare the dairyman for the State inspection.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0405-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Batt** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401: **Forrest Goodrum, Ada County Fish and Game League**, emphasized that every effort should be made to prevent the introduction of the Meningeal worm parasite into uninfected areas of Idaho. He stated the testing is not conclusive that has been done to ensure de-worming before transporting is an effective preventive to the parasite. As this is a devastating disease, he urged further study of the ruling. He spoke **in opposition** to the rule.

Dr. Leibsle, Deputy State Veterinarian, stated that removing the restriction on importation was at the request of the Idaho Elk Breeders. It is similar to the rules they have in Montana and Colorado.

Dr. Barton, ISDA, stated in response to committee questioning that this was middle ground in negotiating the current rule change.

Stan Boyd, Boyd Livestock Services, spoke in behalf of the Idaho Elk Breeders, emphasized this is not new ground. It is similar to other rules being used in near by states. He spoke **in support** of the rule explaining the purpose is to improve the Idaho elk herds.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to hold **Docket No. 02-0421-1401**, in committee for one week for further review. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0428-1401: **Dr. Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian, clarified the changes in the rule apply only to the six approved livestock trader lots in Idaho. He stated this will provides an additional layer of protection.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0428-1401**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a substitute motion to hold **Docket No. 02-0428-1401**, in committee for one week for further review. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Agricultural Economic Outlook	Garth Taylor, Associate Professor of Agriculture Economics, University of Idaho

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TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Boyle, Rep. Batt
GUESTS: Garth Taylor, University of Idaho

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Chairman Andrus recognized **John Foltz**, Director of Industry and Government Relations; **Rich Garber**, Director of Industry and Government Relations; **Barbara Petty**, Extension Director for the State of Idaho.

Dr. Garth Taylor, Associate Professor of Agriculture Economics, University of Idaho, addressed the committee concerning the agricultural economic outlook for 2015. This is the fourth straight year of increase record breaking growth in Idaho. If growth continues at this rate, farm income would double every 6 years. Livestock now exceeds 60% of total cash receipts. Hay is the largest crop of production but not cash receipts. Cash receipts for crops as a whole are up 2%. The largest cash receipt increase comes from Livestock, which is up 27%. There are approximately 20,000 cows added to Idaho herds per year. Milk production has increased 59%. Much of the increase is due to research and innovation. Today the average family spends about 10% of their budget on food which is a dramatic decrease from years past. He reviewed the government subsidies and stated they will continue to decrease. In 2013, only 2.2% of Idaho farm income was derived from direct government payments. Net farm income is up 46% with expenses in farming down 6%. Dr. Taylor pointed out the state of Idaho's GDP grew at 2.9% while farming showed a growth of 5.5% GDP. Idaho is now ranked 2nd in net farm income behind California and 3rd in gross cash receipts behind California and Washington.

Dean Foltz, Director of Industry and Government Relations, responded to the committees' question of what he attributed to the huge increase in growth since 2010. He stated that he believed most of the increase can be attributed to research and development. The innovations have accelerated growth. The growth as a whole has come from increased yield rather than increase in prices. He stated his greatest concern is water and how we can be more efficient in our use.

Dr. Garth Taylor, in response to committee questions addressed the lower oil prices. He stated the two biggest factors agriculture faces are oil prices and interests rates. Lower prices on either of these does nothing but good for Idaho's outlook.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 02, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS23232</u>	Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians	Jodie Ellis, Executive Director, Veterinary Medicine
<u>RS23233</u>	Veterinarians	Jodie Ellis
DOCKET NO. <u>29-0102-1401</u>	Rules Governing Payment of Tax and usage of certification marks and trademarks	Patrick J. Kole, Executive Director, Idaho Potato Commission
DOCKET NO. <u>02-0428-1401</u>	Rules Governing Livestock Dealers, Buying Stations, and Livestock Trader Lots	Dr. Leibsle, Deputy Administrator
DOCKET NO. <u>02-0421-1401</u>	Rules Governing Importation of Animals-Meningeal Worm Parasite	Dr. Leibsle

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 02, 2015
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
- ABSENT
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden
- GUESTS:** Jim Jeffress, Sportsman; Scott Leibsle, ISDA; Karen Balch; Olin Balch; Forrest Goodrum; Burke Mantel; John Caywood; Jodie Ellis, BOVM; Dan Schiffler, Idaho Auction Association; Rulon Jones, Rancher; Shawn Schafer, North American Deer Farmer; KathyJems, Broadmountain Canyon Ranch; RF Reiner; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Brittany Hurst, Idaho Cattle Association; Joel Van Lith, Wendell Buying Station; Patrick Kole, Idaho Potato Commission; David Miller, Idaho Elk Breeders; Stan Boyd, Idaho Elk Breeders; John Jameson, Idaho Elk Breeders; Jason Shaw, Administrative Rules; Michael Gibson, Idaho Wildlife Federation
- Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings on January 20, 2015 and January 22, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23232:** **Jodie Ellis**, Executive Director of Veterinary Medicine, stated while current law authorizes veterinarians to place their license on "inactive status," certified veterinary technicians have no such ability. In the interest of fairness and to treat both groups similarly, legislation is proposed to grant technicians the authority to place their certificates on "inactive status" and make technical corrections.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to introduce **RS 23232**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 23233:** **Jodie Ellis**, Executive Director of Veterinary Medicine, explained in 2013, the legislature approved a change to make application and certification fees nonrefundable to applicants for certification as a veterinary technician. However, current statute requires the return of licensing fees to applicants for veterinary licenses, under certain circumstances. To eliminate this inconsistency between two similarly situated groups regulated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine, this proposed legislation amends Idaho Code to make both application and licensing fees for veterinary applications nonrefundable, thereby treating the two groups the same. When asked by the committee what the cost was for processing an application, Ms. Ellis stated it cost approximately \$150.00 to \$175.00 but much higher if there is complications.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to introduce **RS 23233**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO.
29-0102-1401:** **Patrick J. Kole**, Idaho Potato Commission, stated that changing circumstances in the way labels are marked on potato containers as well as how containers are made have led the industry to request the rules be updated. The type of containers used for packing potatoes, the size of the seal used on potato containers and the manner in which variety labeling takes place will be reviewed for bringing the rules current. The Food and Safety Modernizations Act as well as Good Agricultural Practices also impact the industry particularly as it relates to traceability.

MOTION: Rep. Kerby made a motion to approve **Docket No. 29-0102-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0428-1401: **Dan Schiffler**, Idaho Livestock Association President, spoke **in support** of the rule. He would like to see trader lots held to the same rules as auction yards. In response to committee questioning about cattle sent out of state he explained the auction yard contacts the state they are being sent to and follows their health requirements.

Britany Hurst, Idaho Cattle Association, spoke **in support** of the rule. She said in November of last year association members were introduced to the changes in this rule. The membership voted in support of the changes. The purpose of the change is to maintain the health of the cattle through the State of Idaho. When asked if they made an effort to contact any trader lots, she stated they did not as none of the trader lots have membership in the Cattle Association.

Joel Van Lith, owner of Wendell Buying Station, testified **in opposition** to the rule change. When cattle are shipped out of state from trader lots, they are inspected before shipment and get a health certificate. Cattle going directly to slaughter are inspected for disease at the slaughter house. This rule will require all cattle be inspected, even those who are going directly to slaughter. Responding to committee questioning concerning his notification of the new rule, he stated he was not involved in the rule making process.

Dr. Leibsle, Deputy Administrator, responded to committee questions regarding how the rule was negotiated. He explained they used the usual process by notifying organizations and publishing it in the administrative bulletin. When asked if he had contacted any of the six trader lots this rule would directly effect, his response was no.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 02-0428-1401** and draft a concurrent resolution stating the committees rejection. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401 **Rulon Jones**, Elk Rancher, spoke **in support** of the rule change. He reviewed a study done in Michigan on free range elk, which was conducted from 1981 - 1994. During this time tagged elk were monitored. The meningeal worm accounted for only 3% of mortalities. Thus, meningeal worm had little impact on elk in Michigan during the study despite greater than normal precipitation and record deer densities. He pointed out to the committee that his business contributes greatly to his community in employment and commerce. He stated that it is difficult for him to compete with elk farms in near by states that do not have similar rules restricting importation of elk over state lines.

Shawn Schafer, Executive Director, North American Deer Farmers Association spoke **in support** of the change to the rule. He questioned why elk were the target of this rule while there are other species that are more susceptible, such as sheep, llamas, and alpacas. They all have the potential to spread this disease, yet have zero restriction for importation. He asked for removal of Section 605, to eliminate the import restrictions of domestic cervidae from regions known to be endemic for meningeal worm.

Due to time constraints, **Docket No. 02-0421-1401** will be carried over to the meeting of February 4, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being for further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, February 04, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401	Rules Governing Importation of Animals-Meningeal Worm Parasite	Dr. Leibsle, Deputy Administraor
	State of Idaho China Trade Office Presentation	Xu Fang, Idaho-China Trade
	State of Idaho Mexico Trade Office Presentation	Armando Orellana, Idaho-Mexican Trade Office

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden

GUESTS: Jim Jeffress, Sportsman; Sean Ellis, Capitol Press; Stan Boyd, IEBA; John Jameson, IEBA; John Caywood, RWEF; Forrest Goodrum, Ada City F&G League; Burk Mantel, Dr. Karen Brahn Balch, DMV; Dr. Olin Balch, DMV; Bob Reiner, Larry Fry, ISCAC; Mark Bell, ISCAC; David Miller, Idaho Elk Breeders Assoc.; Jim Neently, Idaho Wildlife Federation; Scott Leibsle, Deputy ISDA; Rulon Jones, Laura Johnson, ISDA; Michael Gibson, Idaho Wildlife Federation; Steve Fuchser, ISCAC; Douglas R. Jones, Dr. Zebarth, DVM

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Laura Johnson, Bureau Chief, ISDA, welcomed and introduced Idaho's international trade partners to present their annual report.

Mr. Fang presented on the China Trade Office. He stated China's GDP growth for 2014 was 7.4%. The United States is China's second largest trade partner and the number one export market for US agricultural products. China is Idaho's third largest export market. The China Trade Office uses WeChat, China's version of social media, to expose their citizens to different Idaho industries and also to help promote tourism in Idaho. He reported there are five full-time members of his staff. In response to committee question, Mr. Fang stated the largest import from Idaho to China is the computer chip which encompasses 50% of exports from the State. Dairy products are the largest agricultural import.

Mr. Orellana, presented on the Mexico Trade Office. He stated the import and export business between Idaho and Mexico has continued to grow. There has been growth in the economy of Mexico at approximately 2%. The trade managers are trying to grow trade in commerce and agriculture between Mexico and Idaho. His office is informing Mexican tourist about what is available in Idaho to help increase tourism to the State. In an effort to increase agricultral trade imports from Idaho to Mexico, there is test planting of Idaho bean seed plots in Central Mexico. There are also Latin American dairy companies that are looking to Idaho for development in dairy industry.

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401: **Jim Jeffress**, self, spoke **in opposition** to the rule change. He stated that avoidance is the first line of defense against infecting our elk population. He said the effectiveness of the immunization is still not proven in mature larvae.

John Caywood, RWEF, spoke **in opposition** to the proposed changes to the rule. He stated his recommendation would be to defer the change for another year and brainstorm with a variety of interested parties to give a more broad consensus. When asked by the committee if he could suggest a better alternative to the proposed rule change, he said he feels there are safer ways to accomplish the goals of the elk breeders to improve genetics at a lower risk to Idaho herds.

Forrest Goodrum, Ada City Fish and Game League, spoke **in opposition** to the rule change. He restated the departments position is to preserve, protect and perpetuate the wildlife in the state of Idaho. The Public Trust Doctrine would dictate that the wildlife of Idaho should be protected from things that may be harmful. Their assessment is that changes to this rule would likely introduce either CWD or meningeal worm. He encouraged a wider spectrum of interests involved in the rule making process.

Burk Mantell, self, spoke **in opposition** to the rule change. He stated it is in the Idaho constitution that the legislature will pass all necessary laws to stop the spread of infectious or contagious disease in protecting our livestock. He said he felt the ruling would profit only a small interest group. In response to committee questioning about why the same rules do not apply to cattle and sheep he said that from what he had read cattle are not effected in the same way and although sheep are more susceptible, it would be a rare occurrence for them to be imported from across the 100th meridian.

Dr. Karen Bruhn Balch, DVM, spoke **in opposition** to the proposed rule changes. She stated there is evidence that both moose and elk have been known to pass on P. Tenuis, unlike the white tail deer which is considered a dead end host. She stated that deworming thirty days prior to importation is not an effective treatment. It is only effective on first stage larvae and does not kill mature meningeal worms. Larvae shedding still occurs after treatment. She stated this is a very difficult disease to detect in it's early stages.

Dr. Olin Balch, DVM, spoke **in opposition** to the rule change. He stated if the meningeal worm were to be introduced into Idaho herds, it is almost impossible to eradicate. He explained that cattle are not shedders and therefore not restricted. When asked by the committee to explain why he thought the meningeal worm had not migrated across the 100th meridian over time, he made a comparison to heart worm that had spread after hurricane Katrina when dogs were imported through out the country from the area where it was once confined.

Bob Reiner, self, spoke **in opposition** to the proposed rule change. He wished to clarify testimony that Wyoming had no ban on the importation of cervidae. He stated that because Wyoming does not have high fence elk herds, there is no reason why anyone would import into that state. When asked by the committee how he knew that infected elk would be imported into the state, he said it is likely because there is not good testing to show elk do not have meningeal worm at this time.

Larry Fry, ISCAC, spoke **in opposition** to the rule change. He said he feels the change in ruling would relax standards and could possibly spread beyond the elk herds.

Mark Bell, ISCAC, spoke **in opposition** to the rule change. He stated he would like to see more sportsmen involved in rule making and asked the rule be sent back for revision.

David Miller, Idaho Elk Breeders Association, spoke **in support** of the rule change. He stated the association has the best interest of the breeders in mind. The cervidae would only be imported from states where the meningeal worm is not present. It would not be in their interest to risk the health of the elk in their herds. In response to committee questions he stated that although the meningeal worm is a fatal condition and elk who have ingested the meningeal worm larvae will expire within two weeks of ingestion, elk are like other forms of livestock that are considered dead end hosts in that they can contract and succumb to the disease without passing it.

Dr. Glen Zebarth, DVM, spoke **in support** of the change in rules. He participated in a study of 12 isolated elk. Ten of the 12 were infected with 3rd stage larvae through ingestion. They were followed for 34 weeks of sampling. At the end of the 34 weeks all 10 of the animals that ingested the larvae were infested but the two that were not given the larvae were free of the worm. Those infected did not shed the larvae. He stated he is not personally aware of any study that showed infested elk pass the larvae. He stated there is a blood test that is able to detect early stage meningeal worm but it is not commercially available at this time. Dr. Zebarth said Colorado has imported literally thousands of elk using the deworming process described in this rule, and they have no reports of meningeal worm in the state that he is aware of. He stated our interest is to protect the herds here in Idaho. In response to committee questioning, he stated the difference between elk and white tail deer is the elk do not shed the worm eggs.

Jim Nunley, Idaho Wildlife Federation, spoke **in opposition**. He stated he was concerned for the hunters of Idaho in not knowing if their wild game was infected. He asked the committee to carefully consider the consequences of passing the rule.

Michael Gibson, Idaho Wildlife Federation, spoke **in opposition**. He stated the Idaho Wildlife Federation is dedicated to preserving wildlife for future generations. He asked the committee to not pass this rule that could put Idaho's wildlife at risk.

Steve Fuchser, ISCAC, spoke **in opposition** of the proposed rule. He stated he is aware of hunters from out of state that hunt here because of the restrictions on wildlife that keep herds pure and healthy. He said there would be a lot of money lost to the state if our herds were infected.

Rulon Jones, Elk Breeder, spoke **in support** of the rule change. In response to the committee question of if he had elk that had escaped his fences, he said he has had elk escape but he did get all the animals back and there was not an outbreak in his herd. He stated he would not risk his business by bringing in diseased animals.

Scott Leibsle, ISDA Deputy, was asked by the committee if the usual protocol for scheduling the rulemaking negotiations was followed. He said that procedure was followed and two different meeting were held as a result of the negotiated changes to this rule. He states that the Department has no position in the rule.

Rep. Burtenshaw invoked rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION: **Rep. Pense** made a motion to **reject Docket No. 02-0421-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Friday, February 06, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
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Committee Procedures

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 06, 2015
TIME: Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: None

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman Andrus stated the committee will be reviewing **Docket No. 46-0101-1401** and calling for a roll call vote on **Docket No. 02-0421-1401** in the full committee meeting on February 10, 2014.

Rep. Batt, Erpelding, Burtenshaw and **Romrell** each stated they thought the previous vote taken on **Docket No. 02-0421-1401** should stand and it was not necessary for a roll call vote. In response **Chairman Andrus** stated he felt because of the gravity of the situation there is a need for each member of the committee to express where they are concerning this Docket and to vote as they think is correct.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401 :	Rules Governing Importation of Animals-Meningeal Worm	
DOCKET NO.. 46-0101-1401 :	Rules of the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine	Jodie Ellis, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine
 	USDA Farm Service Agency Annual Report	Mark Samson, USDA Farm Service Agency
RS23450	Idaho Pure Seed Act	Rep. Kauffman

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Jodie Ellis, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Brad Hunt, OARC; Doug Jones, Growers for Biotechnology; Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho; Mitch Royer, Food Producers of Idaho.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1401: **Chairman Andrus** requested a roll call vote on the motion to reject **Docket No. 02-0421-1401**, made by **Rep. Pence** on February 4, 2014. **Motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Batt, Bell, Dayley, Troy, Pence, Erpelding. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Andrus, Boyle, McMillan, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby.**

DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1401: **Jodie Ellis**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine, addressed the committee in response for clarification of the rule pertaining to the certification process of veterinary technicians. Ms. Ellis stated the training for a veterinary technician is done in an educational program. Some of the programs in states similar to California's would not meet the new certification requirements under this rule. Under new ruling, technicians would need to attend a program that is certified by the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association). In response to committee questions, Ms. Ellis stated it is important national standards are met, similar to standard requirements for other medical occupations.

Rep. Bell stated as there was no motion, the rule stands as recommended by the Subcommittee.

Mark Samson, USDA Farm Service Agency, stated the USDA Farm Service is located in 29 counties throughout the State of Idaho. Cash receipts were up for the fourth straight year. Farm net income increased by 46% over last year. He stated the goal of the Agriculture Act of 2014 was to allow men and women who feed millions around the world to invest confidently in the future. The changes in the 2014 Farm Bill improve the "safety net" for veteran and beginning farmers and ranchers. He said the farm loans consistently achieve goals set by the national office in that there is no backlogs of approval applications, delinquency on direct loans is at 1.8%, the lowest since 1991 and delinquency on guaranteed loans is at .79%, the lowest since 1991. The four types of farm loans are guaranteed, direct, micro and farm storage facilities. The USDA/FSA delivered \$372 million in federal program benefits to Idaho farmers and ranchers in FY 2014. In response to committee questions regarding the possibility of this being the last Farm Bill to pass as the US Congress becomes more urbanized, Mr. Samson stated the loss of the food stamp program from the farm bill would be devastating and a great loss of revenue.

Jeff Mitchell, Farm Program Chief, answered committee question concerning the twenty-one counties and 17,000 acres locked into restore irrigated land to non farm use for a period of ten to fifteen years. The purpose is to regain water for the aquifer rather than using it for production agriculture.

RS 23450: **Rep. Kauffman** stated this proposed legislation amends the Idaho Pure Seed Act by adding the definition of three activities relating to agricultural seeds - cultivating, producing and processing - are among the activities that are regulated by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. The proposal is to have regulation remain with the State Department of Agriculture rather than local counties.

Doug Jones, Executive Director Biotechnology, stated in response to committee question concerning the definitions in the proposed bill. He stated it was drafted by a local attorney and the definitions are generally accepted across the industry.

Rep. Batt invoked rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION: **Rep. Bell** made a motion to introduce **RS 23450. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Batt, Rep. Erpelding and **Rep. Burtenshaw**, requested it show in the record, their objection to the procedure of the roll call vote on **Docket No. 02-0421-1401.**

Rep. Burtenshaw invoked rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest on **Docket No. 02-0421-1401.**

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a unanimous consent request to change his vote on **Docket No. 02-0421-1401.** There being no objection, the request was granted.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Lincoln Auditorium
Thursday, February 12, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Presentation - 2015 Gold Room Workshop	Steve Cory, President Idaho Council on Industry and Environment
	Genetically Modified Organisms	Dr. Joseph Kuhl, Assistant Professor College of Agriculture and Life Science Department of Plant, Soil and Entomological Sciences.

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Bell, Rep. Batt.

GUESTS: Becky Johnstone, ICIE; Leah Clark, ISDA; Vince Matthews, USDA; Linda Jones, Holland and Hart, LLP; Randy McMillan, Clear Springs Foods; Mitch Royer, Food Products; Trevis Jones, Idaho Grain Producers; Nate Fisher, Eiguren, Fisher, Ellis; Elli Brown Veritas Advisor; Elizabeth Criner, Veritas Advisor; Norm Samanko, Idaho Water User; Doz Sanke, Idaho Farm Bureau; Rich Wally, Food Producers; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Mark Duffin, Sugar beet Grower; Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho; Abe Copeland, BSU Abiter; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Pat Laubacher, Amalgated Sugar Co.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Dr. Joseph Kuhl, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Department of Plant, Soil & Entomological Sciences, University of Idaho presented, What are GMO's. In 1992 Papaya Ringspot Virus (PRV) was discovered in the Puna district of the island of Hawaii that accounted for 95% of the state's papaya production. PRV is efficiently spread from plant to plant by sixty species of aphids making netting not feasible. There is no known natural resistant to the disease only some tolerance that is rapidly lost. Genetically modified resistance is provided through genetically engineered plants that contain the virus coat protein. The coat protein is used by the plant to fight against the pathogen.

Dr. Kuhl presented how DNA is unraveled in RNA and down to the proteins that create our different traits. These traits in plants can produce long stems or short stems and axial or terminal flowers depending on the trait passed down. Plant breeding is the development of new cultivated varieties. Traditional breeding is called either natural or cross hybridization and controlled hybridization or classical breeding. Plant hybridization has rapid widespread genomic changes, chromosome rearrangements, genomic expansion, differential gene expression and gene silencing also called transposable elements. Plant breeding methods include wide crosses, embryo rescue, ploidy manipulation, mutagenesis, and somatic fusion. Through the breeding methods for the desired traits they were able to produce Red Gold Potatoes.

Dr. Kuhl presented reduced expression of a specific gene in a species through silencing created plants that are genetically modified (GM). They can also be called Genetically Engineered (GE), transgenic, cisgenic, or intragenic. A GM crop plant contains a gene or genes which have been artificially inserted instead of the plant acquiring them through pollination. Defined by how a new variety is generated not by what the variety is. Modification methods are either physical (DNA transfer) with a gene gun or biological (DNA transfer) targeted gene modification. The inserted DNA sequence may come from a related or unrelated plant, or from a completely different species. Transgenic transfers gene(s) from sexually non-compatible distant species. Cisgenic transfers gene(s) from sexually non-compatible related

species. Intragenic is a direct modification of target genes or gene expression via regulatory RNA's for example gene silencing via short hairpin RNA's (shRNSs)

Dr. Kuhl explained only genes from closely related species are involved with traditional methods versus the ability of GM to transfer a gene(s) from a wide range organism. Traditional methods mixes large sets of genes of mostly unknown function, as opposed to one or a few well characterized genes with genetic engineering. Major GM crops are corn and cotton. *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) is a soil bacterium whose spores contain crystalline (Cry) proteins in Bt insect resistant crops. Cry breaks down in an insect gut to release a toxin called delta endotoxin which is toxic to some insects. Disease resistance like late blight resistance in potatoes is handled by Katahdin transformed with RB from *solanum bulbocastanum*. Gene silencing exploits the plant defense system with RNA interference (RNAi). It targets specific plant gene(s) which decrease or eliminate expression of the trait.

Dr. Kuhl explained GM crops are the most extensively tested crops ever added to the food supply. GM plants must be shown to be the same as the parent crop from which it was derived. If a new protein trait has been added the protein must be neither toxic nor allergenic. The NAS (National Academy of Sciences) committee on the safety of genetically engineered food expressed the likelihood of unintended changes as a continuum with gene transfer more likely than all other modification techniques other than mutagenesis. There are several regulatory systems in the United States over GMs. There is a propriety protection application that cover genes, processes that isolate genes, processes of genetic modification and seeds or lines generated or Plant Variety Protection. For example golden rice has seventy patents belonging to thirty-two patent holders.

In response to questions, **Dr. Kuhl** explained there is no need to label GM's in stores. They are all monitored on a case by case basis and the process itself shows they are safe to consume. They did check the Cry in animal systems and no specific problems were found. Unintentional changes can occur and the nutritional value is checked and must be equivocal. There is a wide range of research programs to better understand resistance and gain long term help to the economy. It may be possibly three to five years until potato resistance is achieved.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 16, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS23318</u>	Idaho Cherry Commission	Candi Fitch, Executive Director
	Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission Annual Report	Teri Murrison, Administrator
	Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts' Annual Report	Benjamin Kelly, IASCD Executive Director

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 16, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Kit Tillotson, IASCD; Steven Becker, IASCD; Stephanie Becker, Candi Fitch, Idaho Cherry Commission; Larry Bell, Idaho Cherry Commission; Benjamin Kelly, IASCD; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, February 2, and February 4, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23318: **Candi Fitch**, Cherry Commission, stated there are two districts listed in the code, and with more production now in District 2 and fewer growers in District 1, the commission is asking the reference to the districts be removed from their section of the code. Removal of the districts will assure the members can be chosen to give the best representation to the Cherry Industry. This is the main change reflected in the RS, and with the removal of the districts the Commission will make sure the state is fairly represented. Another change that comes into play will be this year's nomination meeting. With the removal of the districts the appointments for the next three years will need to be staggered. Included in the RS are a few clarification changes. The Commission is also asking, if the industry should increase in size, through rule the districts could be reinstated.

MOTION: **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to introduce **RS 23318**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Teri Murrison, Administrator of the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, presented their annual report. She stated they take care of and improve our natural resources for future generations while maximizing their benefits to the state and the people of Idaho. She stated they focus on cooperative and collaborative efforts with local people who know and work the land.

The Governor appoints five Commissioners to staggered 5 year terms. She said they oversee policy to serve Idaho's soil and water conservation districts, perform various program duties related to water quality planning and implementation, provide low interest conservation loans and more. She stated they focus on three core functions: providing districts with technical and other support services, offering non-regulatory, science-based incentive programs to develop voluntary conservation practices, and administration.

Ms. Murrison stated there are 50 districts in Idaho. She reported they strengthen and help build capacity providing specialized technical assistance for conservation planning, engineering, watershed assessments and sage grouse, fish and other species conservation projects. The second core function is to provide incentive-based and general conservation programs and services which would include the Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program providing low interest loans to purchase equipment and install projects that provide conservation benefits. Last year there was an increase in approved loans from 4 the previous year to 12 loans approved in 2014. The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) signed 156 contracts enrolling 16,792 acres, saving 66,916 acre feet of water - enough to serve about 330,000 people, saving almost 134,000 tons of soil erosion.

In response to committee questions regarding drip irrigation systems, **Ms. Murrison** stated that is definitely on their radar as this is a most effective way to conserve water. In response to committee questions regarding the activity with the low interests loans, she stated there was an increase over the year before and they are aggressively marketing a campaign to see more interest and activity in this for next year.

Steve Becker, Treasure; Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District, stated the IASCD was organized in 1944 and worked to strengthen districts and further non-regulatory locally led natural resource conservation in our state. The association has a role at the local, state and national level and each relationship is vital to the effectiveness of keeping our farms and ranches active, healthy and sustainable.

Conservation Districts provide leadership at the county level to address critical natural resource issues, develop partnerships that can bring resources to the table to help address those issues, and reach out to schools and their communities to teach the value of protecting natural resources. He stated they support soil and water conservation districts in a number of ways; as the voice for districts at the Idaho legislature, the voice for the districts with the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the voice for districts with the National Association of Conservation Districts.

The Association keeps individual districts informed on critical emerging issues and opportunities, helps build partnerships with federal and state agencies and other organizations in order to carry out district priorities and programs and they analyze programs and policy issues that have an impact on local districts.

Mr. Becker gave three examples of work that some of the local conservation districts do. He reported the association's philosophy is that conservation decisions should be made by local people with technical and funding assistance from federal, state and local governments and the private sector. He stated the stewardship of our state's soil and water resources is a responsibility all Idaho citizens share.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, February 18, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 114</u>	Pure Seed Act Immigration University of Idaho Agricultural Research	Rep. Kauffman Brent Olmstead, M.P. Idaho Dean John C. Foltz, University of Idaho College of Agriculture

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Douglas R. Jones, Growers for Biotechnology; Jim Lowe, Food Producers; Mitch Reyer, Food Producers; Patrick Kole, Idaho Potato Commission; Barbara Petty, University of Idaho; Mark Duffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers; Kim O'Neill, University of Idaho; Rick Waitley, Leadership Idaho Agriculture Class; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Andrus welcomed **Rick Waitley** and the 35th Leadership Idaho Agriculture Foundation class to the committee meeting. He invited them to introduce themselves and tell where they were from.

Rick Waitley, Leadership Idaho Agriculture, acknowledged **Rep. Miller** for receiving the prestigious Pat Takasugi Award at the Idaho Ag Summit earlier this month. The award recognizes individuals who have shown outstanding leadership in Idaho agriculture.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of Friday, February 6, and Tuesday, February 10, 2015 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 114: **Rep. Kauffman** stated this proposed legislation clarifies the definition of three activities relating to agricultural seeds - cultivating, producing and processing which are among the activities that are regulated by the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. The proposal is to have regulation remain with the State Department of Agriculture rather than local counties or cities.

Douglas R. Jones Grower of Biotechnology, spoke **in support** of the bill. He explained how in other states this has become a problem when counties that boarder each other have different regulations. In response to committee questions he explained this change would not deny individual rights to vote if they have a differing opinion but that the decisions if left to the State would be based on science rather than political decisions.

Mark Duffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers, spoke **in support**. He stated this seems necessary after seeing the problems it has caused in other states.

MOTION: **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to send **H 114** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho, reported to the committee concerning immigration. The Idaho Business Coalition for Immigration Reform was formed in 2008. The purpose for the coalition is to influence public policy on immigration issues on behalf of Idaho employers. H2A visa is for agriculture workers, allowing them to stay a maximum of 10 months.

Mr. Olmstead explained the President's Executive Action which would defer action for childhood arrivals, defers action for parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents and provides a provisional waiver for those of unlawful presence under extreme hardship, such as having no way to support themselves or their family in the country of origin. He stated the plan would modernize, improve and clarify immigrant and nonimmigrant visa programs. He stated it is a falsehood to think all migrant workers wish to become citizens. The majority of them want to work here 4 - 5 years and then return to their home countries better able to care for their families.

Mr. Olmstead stated that Idaho along with 25 other states filed a law suit to stop the President's executive order. He said it was not necessarily because of what it would do but because of the way the order was done.

Mr. Olmstead said the Magic Valley has an unemployment rate of 3.5%. There is a high demand for dairy workers but not enough available workers to fill those position. In response to committee questions he stated farm families have to decide whether to leave land unfurrowed or increase their own work load if guest workers are not available.

John C. Foltz, Dean of the College of Agriculture, University of Idaho, presented the annual report to the committee. He stated this was the fourth year of record highs in Idaho farm cash receipts. There are 11 research and extension agencies across the state serving 42 of the 44 counties and 3 Indian reservations. He stated growth comes from research and technology. In the past year there have been developments in new wheat varieties, canola or mustard varieties and improved varieties of grapes, peaches and apples. Since 2004 there has been several new varieties of potatoes developed. He spoke of the Universities contribution to the 4-H programs in Idaho. He stated over 56,000 youth participate in Idaho 4-H with over 5,000 volunteers in the program.

In response to committee questions regarding tracking of youth involved in 4-H programs, he said it is not tracked as close as he would like but research shows that 4-H members are more likely to attend college, make healthy choices and avoid risky behaviors.

In response to committee questions regarding joining with technology experts from other Idaho Universities in creating more innovation in agriculture such as irrigation and water management, **Mr. Foltz** stated they are reaching out and looking for investors to partner with in those areas.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 24, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS23679</u>	Food Labeling, Genetic Engineering	Rep. Miller
<u>RS23663</u>	Farm Bureau 75th Memorial	Rep. Bell
<u>RS23689</u>	Pale Cyst Nematode	Russ Hendricks, Director of Government Affairs Idaho Farm Bureau
<u>H 73</u>	Veterinarians Licensing Fee	Jodie Ellis, Executive Director of Veterinary Medicine
	Idaho Potato Commission Annual Report	Frank Muir, Idaho Potato Commssion

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Frank Muir, Idaho Potato Commission; Jodie Ellis, Board of Veterinarians Medicine; Douglas Jones, Growers for Biotechnology; Pat Barclay, ICIF; Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho; Boyd Foster, Idaho Potato Commission; Katrick Kole, Idaho Potato Commission; Elizabeth Criner, Simplot/NWFPA/FWAA; Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Andrus introduced the new page, **Quintin Frederick** and welcomed him to the Agricultural Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, February 12, Monday, February 16, and Wednesday, February 18, 2015 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion for the Miller Subcommittee to approve the minutes of the Livestock Rules Subcommittee meeting of Tuesday January 20, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to approve the Subcommittee Livestock minutes and Rules Report of the January 20, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion for the McMillan Subcommittee to accept the report and approve the minutes of the Crops Rules Subcommittee meeting of Tuesday January 20, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. McMillan** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Crops Subcommittee and the Subcommittee Rules report of January 20, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23679: **Rep. Miller** stated the Memorial urges the US Congress and the Food and Drug Administration to establish a national policy on the labeling of foods containing genetically engineered ingredients. He said several states have already started this process and it made sense for labeling standards to be established by Congress and the FDA rather than individual states.

In response to committee question, **Douglas R. Jones**, Growers for Biotechnology, explained because the FDA has always been used for nutritional labeling, they were the ones chosen and given the responsibility for the labeling of foods containing GMO ingredients.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to introduce **RS 23679** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Erpelding** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 23663

Rep. Bell explained the Idaho Farm Bureau was organized 75 years ago on Sept. 15, 1939 in Murtaugh, Idaho by thirteen farmers and ranchers who saw a need for active representation promoting Idaho's agricultural industry. Idaho Farm Bureau dedicated members continue to direct the organization's grassroots policy development process to improve the financial well-being and quality of life for farmers and ranchers and all Idahoans.

Rep. Bell stated Idaho Farm Bureau provides and supports educational programs enabling Idaho farmers and ranchers to educate students and the general public about the importance of agriculture to the citizens of Idaho.

Rep. Bell said Idaho Farm Bureau has grown to be the largest general farm organization in our state and is comprised of 37 County Farm Bureau organizations with over 72,300 member families throughout Idaho and is known as "The Voice of Idaho Agriculture".

Rep. Bell stated as the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty Third Idaho Legislature, we recognize and honor the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation for 75 years of accomplishments and service to Idaho agriculture.

Rep. Dayley invoked rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION:

Rep. Romrell made a motion to introduce **RS 23663** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 23689

Russ Hendricks, explained the potato farmers in eastern Idaho have borne the brunt of loses associated with Pale Cyst Nematode. The purpose of this proposed legislation is to request a refund from the Potato Commission for their assessment. He said two conditions must exist; The USDA must declare a portion of the state under quarantine because of the Pale Cyst Nematode and the condition can not apply to all of the state. He also stated the assessment can not be requested retroactive nor can they request the refund after leasing or purchasing any of these acreages.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Hendricks** said this would involve about 12 - 15 growers and would cost the commission approximately \$500,000. He clarified the Idaho Potato Commission does not have the ability to give a refund of the assessment and therefore this has come before the committee to seek legislation to provide a way to refund the assessment to the farmers who wish to receive reimbursement. He stated as the Idaho Potato Commission was established at the request of the growers it seemed appropriate to ask for a refund for these particular growers who are experiencing financial hardship due to the quarantine put on their acreage.

In response to committee questions regarding what has been done thus far by the Idaho Potato Commission in behalf of these growers, **Frank Muir**, President of the Idaho Potato Commission, explained there has been federally funded monies and grants that have been used to help in research, treatment, and cleaning equipment for the 18 growers that are involved. He indicated there have also been grants from the State of Idaho and the University of Idaho to help eradicate the disease.

MOTION:

Rep. Romrell made a motion to return **RS 23689** to the sponsor.

Rep. Boyle stated she would like to see the Idaho Farm Bureau and the Idaho Potato Commission have more discussion on the issue and come together with a solution which could be done during a committee hearing.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Boyle made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 23689.** **Motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Chairman Andrus called for a vote on the original motion to return **RS 23689** to the sponsor. The **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Boyle** and **Rep. McMillan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

H 73

Jodie Ellis, Executive Director of Veterinary Medicine, explained in 2013 the legislature approved a change to make application and certification fees nonrefundable to applicants for certification as a veterinary technician. The current statute requires the return of licensing fees to applicants for veterinary licensing, under certain circumstances. To eliminate this inconsistency between two similarly situated groups regulated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine, this proposed legislation amends Idaho Code to make both application and licensing fees for veterinary application nonrefundable, thereby treating the two groups the same. She said the surrounding states have also made application fees non-refundable.

MOTION:

Rep. Pence made a motion to send **H 73** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Pence** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Frank Muir, President of the Idaho Potato Commission, presented the Idaho Potato Commissions annual report. He stated the Idaho Legislature created the Idaho Potato Commission in 1937 to provide market development, production research and the promotion of potato growth in Idaho. The IPC is a self-governing state agency that receives the majority of its revenue through a potato tax, split 60% from the growers and 40% from the first handlers. The IPC has a total revenue in 2014 of \$14,814,712, which was \$672,809 less than 2013 due to 29,000 less acres harvested during the current year.

Mr. Muir spoke regarding the Potato Truck which has been to 48 of the 50 states. The campaign for Idaho Potatoes has been a great success and the commission will continue to fund this as a means for greater recognition of Idaho Potatoes.

Rep. Romrell complimented the Idaho Potato Commission on how effective they have been in promoting Idaho Potatoes.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, February 26, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>H 148</u>	Idaho Cherry Commission	Candi Fitch, Executive Director
	Annual Report Cherry, Apple Commission	Candi Fitch,
	Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission	Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director IRRC

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2015

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden

GUESTS: Gretchen Hyde, Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission; Candi Fitch, Idaho Cherry Commission; Larry Ball, Idaho Cherry Commission; Richard Kincheloe, Idaho Cherry Commission; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Andrus stated a correction to **RS 23663** which was presented on February 24, 2015, should have read **RS 23663C1**.

H 148: **Candi Fitch**, Idaho Cherry Commission, stated there are two districts listed in the code and with more production now in District 2 and fewer growers in District 1, the commission is asking the reference to the districts be removed from their section of the code. Removing the districts will assure the members can chose to give the best representation to the Cherry Industry. She stated with the removal of districts, the commission members will serve staggering appointments for a term of three years. She said there will also be some clerical changes to give greater clarity.

MOTION: **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to send **H 148** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Candi Fitch reported on the Apple Commission stating there have been good years in the past with the variance of weather. This year started with ideal growing conditions and resulted in record yields of 20% more apples than the largest recorded harvest. However, this year will be remembered as one of the most difficult years in the apple industry. It began with a shortage of trucks to get the harvest to market. She then explained the strike on the western shore docks resulted in a back log of product waiting to be shipped. She said this added to transportation costs. As a result she said, this will be one of the worst years recorded for the apple growers with revenue well below production costs.

Ms. Fitch continued with an annual report for the Idaho Cherry Commission. She reported this was a record crop year for Idaho cherries. She stated the growers continue to struggle with labor shortages. This falls early extreme cold weather did not give the trees a chance to acclimate so there will most likely be some damage to the fruit trees this spring. She said there is also a concern about the water supply.

Ms. Fitch said being a member of the NW Trader Growers is an import way to market. Instead of marketing against the neighboring states, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Montana, they are marketing together and are much more productive.

Ms. Fitch reported Idaho is number three in the nation in harvested acres of onions. The conditions and drip irrigation used in Idaho make for ideal growing conditions.

In response to committee questions concerning why our onions bring a lower price than other areas of the country, **Ms. Fitch** explained the sweeter onions grown in other parts of the US bring a higher price, also supply and demand effect the price.

Larry Ball, Chairman of the Cherry Commission, answered the committee question concerning where the Idaho cherries are marketed. He stated they are marketed to all 48 states plus Hawaii and Alaska. The cherry season is only about four weeks long as opposed to the apple season being much longer. He said because the cherry season is so short they demand a higher price.

Mrs. Fitch responded to committee questions about the loss of cherry orchards in the Emmett area and explained the cherries today are grown mostly in the sunny slope area of the state.

Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director of Idaho Rangelands, presented their annual report to the committee. She reported a new statewide poll found that 90% of Idaho residents approve of livestock grazing as a legitimate use of public lands, the same percentage as guided recreation and mountain biking. Public support for livestock grazing was approximately 20% higher than it was for logging which had a 71% approval rating.

Ms. Hyde explained the majority of the funding comes from the voluntary assessment of state and federal grazing land permits. The committee commented it was commendable as this is a voluntary assessment that is seldom refunded upon request. This reflects a high rate of satisfaction among the ranchers who participate in the assessment.

Ms. Hyde stated sales of rangeland license plates generated \$30,000. She said the commission keeps an annual budget in savings.

Ms. Hyde reported Idaho is the only active state to have a Rangeland Commission. She stressed the importance of education and stated there is more information in the Idaho schools about rain forests than about rangelands when in fact Idaho consists of 60% public lands of which 80% of that land is rangeland.

Ms. Hyde indicated how important the internet has been in telling their story and to educate the public about rangelands. She said on the IRRRC's website are over twenty-five videos and feature stories about ranch life on the range in Idaho.

In response to committee questions about who their research partners are, **Ms. Hyde** stated the University of Idaho is the main partner.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Monday, March 02, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Wheat Commission Annual Report	Blaine Jacobson, Wheat Commission Executive Director

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 02, 2015
TIME: 1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle
GUESTS: Stan Ellis, Capitol Press

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 2:51 p.m.

Blaine Jacobson, Wheat Commission Executive Director, presented the Idaho Wheat Commission's annual report. He stated the Idaho wheat market is growing at a robust rate and the outlook is for continued growth in the next 15 years. This year's wet weather presented problems for the growers. Idaho typically enjoys dry weather at harvest. It is highly unusual to have excessive moisture at the levels received this year. August and September were the wettest on record in southern Idaho since 1953. He said this damage exposed gaps in the crop insurance program. A task force has been assembled by the Governor to examine the problem and bring some help to the growers.

Mr. Jacobson said the gluten free diet had an impact on the wheat market. He indicated research shows about 1% of the population is allergic to gluten with another 6-7% sensitive to gluten. He stated the products used to substitute for gluten are often less healthy with more sugars and starches. He also clarified the misconception that gluten has changed over the last 50 years, saying tests have shown that not to be the case.

Mr. Jacobson stated Idaho wheat has a nice balance of export and import customers. About half of Idaho's harvest goes domestic and the other half goes to exports. Domestic customers include known brands such as Wheaties, Wheat Chex, Sun Chips, Pizza Hut and several more. Japan is the top export destination followed by Mexico, Philippines, Korea and Taiwan.

In response to committee questions about what advances have come through research in the past ten years, **Mr. Jacobson** said Idaho has the 2nd highest yield per acre in the nation. He continued explaining there is constant research into developing disease and insect resistant varieties.

Responding to committee question about what was being done to improve varieties to make them more drought resistant, **Mr. Jacobson** said this will be among the first to be launched but they are most likely to be about seven years out.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Wednesday, March 04, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Annual Report Barley Commission	Kelly Olson, Administrator Idaho Wheat Commission

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 04, 2015
TIME: 1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle
GUESTS: Kelly Olson, Idaho Barley Commission

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Kelly Olson, Administrator Idaho Barley Commission (IBC), presented their annual report to the Agricultural Affairs Committee. She stated Idaho produces 27% of the nation's barley. It is the 5th largest Idaho cash crop just behind sugarbeets. She said malting barley contract prices remain flat to 10% lower this year.

Ms. Olson said 2014 has proven to be one of the most challenging years for Idaho barley crops. She explained the excessive moisture throughout the month of August caused the barley to spout in the fields. Despite best efforts to get the damaged crop harvested in a timely manner and stored properly, it was anticipated as much as 60% of the state's malt barley crop will be downgraded to feed quality. The damage exposed weak areas in crop insurance that will now need to be addressed.

Ms. Olson explained when damage became apparent in early August, the Idaho Barley Commission immediately began implementing a crisis action plan.

Ms. Olson stated the IBC made a one million dollar endowment investment with the University of Idaho to support a dedicated barley research scientist at Aberdeen Research and Extension Center. In response to a committee question she clarified the endowment is to be paid over a five year period.

She explained domestic beer sales fell 0.5% in 2014 but craft beer sales are up 18% and will reach 20-22% of the beer market this year. The largest U.S. brewers continue to be the primary customers for Idaho barley and malt. **Ms. Olson** said they are continuing to make significant progress in their effort to develop new varieties of soluble fiber that has proven to help lower cholesterol and reduce the risk of heart disease.

In response to a committee question, she explained the growers assessment is not refundable. In 1997 that clause was rescinded.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 PM or UPON ADJOURNMENT
Room EW42
Tuesday, March 10, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Dairyman Annual Report	Karianne Fallow, CEO Idaho Dairymen
	Idaho Dairymen Report	Bob Naerebout Executive Director

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

TIME: 1:30 PM or UPON ADJOURNMENT

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Erpelding, Troy, Batt and Boyle

GUESTS: None

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, February 26, 2015 and Monday, March 2, 2015 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Karianne Fallow, CEO of United Dairywomen of Idaho, and **Tom Dorsey**, Co - Chair of United Dairywomen of Idaho, presented their annual report to the Agricultural Affairs Committee. They stated Idaho is third in the nation in production of milk products. Today milk products from Idaho are exported around the world. One out of every five milk tankers that leave the farm in Idaho is exported out of the country.

Mr. Dorsey explained 2014 was a banner year for the dairy industry in Idaho. The price of milk was at an all time high. He said the dock strike on the west coast was not as devastating to the milk industry because most of the export is powder and it stores well.

Ms. Fallow spoke regarding decreased consumption of milk. She explained how through the dairy check off system - at both the national and state level - they are working hard to dispel mistruths and reshape the conversation. In Idaho the big strategic goals are focused on introducing dairy farmers and the practice of dairy farming to the public and "putting a face on the industry." The early stages of the campaign seem to be accepted with a positive response.

Ms. Fallow said milk remains the only food mandated for school lunch service, reaching 55 million children every school day. Idaho's dairy farm families have a legacy of providing, at no cost, nutrition education curriculum to classrooms and health professionals across the state. She said they have a partnership with the National Football League in a program called *Fuel Up to Play 60*. This program is gaining traction with k-12 school leaders across the state with more than 73,000 schools participating nationwide. The program encourages students to consume more nutrient-rich foods and achieve 60 minutes of physical activity daily.

Mr. Dorsey explained they have found the best way to maximize promotional dollars is by forming partnerships in the industry. McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Domino's Pizza and Quaker Oats are a few of the national companies they are working with. It is through these partnerships they are able to be innovative in producing new products.

In response to committee questions regarding what made the difference in production from 2013 to 2014, **Mr. Dorsey** stated it was due mostly to the increase in milk prices allowing farmers to increase their herds. He said expansion is controlled by economic factors and feed costs.

Bob Naerebout, Executive Director, Idaho Dairymen's Association (IDA), said the IDA works at the local, state, regional and federal levels to protect and promote the legislative, regulatory and legal interest of its members.

He stated Idaho's milk production has gone from an average milk producing state in the 1980s to the third largest milk production state in the nation. The dairy industry supports the Idaho economy with more than 22,000 jobs. The majority of the jobs are farm labor. He said working with immigration reform is something they are very involved in and believe they have a moral obligation to protect and promote the hard working dairy workers.

Mr. Naerebout explained goals for reducing green house gases and identifying and reducing nitrate concentration in the East Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Rick Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association, spoke about the record prices from 2014 which shattered records up to this time. He said this year, so far, pricing is about level with production costs. Feed is the biggest cost to the dairymen.

In response to a committee question, regarding the use of spouted barley for feed this year, **Mr. Dorsey** explained they did use a great deal of it but there was a problem with mold which made it unusable.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Thursday, March 12, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1074</u>	Honey Commission	Senator Lee / Jim Lowe
<u>SCR 113</u>	Trader Lots	Senator Jim Rice

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2015

TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden

GUESTS: Rick Waitley, Food Producers; Jim Lowe, Idaho Honey Industry

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, March 4, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1074: **Senator Lee** presented before the committee and introduced **Jim Lowe**, Idaho Honey Industry Association. He explained to the committee the Idaho Honey Advertising Commission is housed at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. The commission has the responsibility for promotion, education and research on behalf of Idaho's Honey Industry. This legislation addresses a number of items including: Changing the name of the commission, structure of the commission members including appointments, districts, terms, dates of service and removal and clarification of who may vote in a referendum.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Lowe** stated there are 119,000 hives in Idaho with approximately 66 commercial beekeepers.

Rick Waitley, Executive Director, Idaho Food Producers, in response to committee questions concerning the Honey Industry in Idaho said a large percent of Idaho bees are used for pollination of California produce. He compared Idaho and Kentucky who have the same amount of bee hives whereas Kentucky has 700 beekeepers compared to Idaho's 70 beekeepers.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to send **S 1074** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kerby** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 113: **Senator Jim Rice** stated there is concern for the Rule Docket for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture relating to Rules Governing Livestock Dealers, Buying Stations and Livestock Trader Lots. He stated the five people affected by the rule should have been contacted and invited to participate in the rule making process. He asked the committee to reject the rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to send **SCR 113** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Monday, March 16, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Pale Cyst Nematode Hearing	

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2015

TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Erpelding

GUESTS: Mike Thornton, University of Idaho; Rich Garber, U of I; Jared Wattenberger, Idaho PCN Group; Mark Mickelsen, Shipper, Grower, Processor; Bryan Searle, Grower; Gary Farmer, Bingham Coop-Agronomy; Scott Searle, Grower; Steve France, Grower; Lorin Clinger, Grower; Kirk Oler, Grower; Shane Anderson, Land Owner; Andrew Mickelsen, Grower; Adam Neibaur, Grower; Wyatt Penfold, Seed Grower; Mark Telford, Seed Grower; Stephanie Mickelsen, Grower; Garth VanOrden, Garth VanOrden Farms; Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho; Luke Waitley, Food Producers of Idaho

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, March 10, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Andrus addressed the committee stating the purpose of the meeting is to be instructed by those affected by the Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) so the committee might have a better understanding of the situation from the growers perspective.

Jared Wattenburg, IPCN (Idaho Pale Cyst Nematode) Group President, thanked the committee for hearing their concerns from over the past nine years. He turned the time over to the growers for their testimonies.

Mark Mickelsen Potato shipper, grower, processor, gave a history of what has happened to several of the farmers in the Shelly, Idaho area starting in 2006 when the Pale Cyst Nematode was first discovered north of Shelly. Letters were sent by Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to the infested land owners stating they would no longer be able to grow potatoes on those acres. He said he believes PCN (Pale Cyst Nematode) to be a problem for all potato growers. Potato farmers are always dealing with nematodes but have been able to control them.

In response to a committee question asking if he thought if other fields were tested in the same rigorous manner their fields had been tested, PCN would also be found. He said the fields in Shelly are the only fields tested at this higher level and it seems probable if other farms had been tested in this same manner there is a great likelihood it would be found there also.

When asked by the committee if Europe has been able to control the spread of PCN, he stated they have been able to reduce it by 80% or greater.

In response to a committee question, **Chairman Andrus** stated the Department of Agriculture was notified this meeting was to take place and chose not to send a representative.

Bryan Searle, Grower, explained his land was one of the first that was quarantined. He stated his equipment has to be sanitized at temperatures of 140 degrees for one hour. Exposure to these temperatures over the length of time required causes a great deal of damage and affects the electronics.

He said if these affected growers are going to "carry one for the team", they would like some support. He also requested the regulations be changed through the rules process.

When asked by the committee if they are testing for PCN in other states, he said they only test in other states when requested. Mexico requires a 5 pound testing done on any potatoes brought into their country.

In response to committee questions he stated damage starts with 500,000 nematode per five pounds. The most nematodes found in Idaho fields were 5,000. The testing has become more aggressive to the point they are adding three new fields a year to the quarantine list. He stated he would like to see them try chemical eradication and depend less on quarantines.

Gary Farmer, Bingham Coop - Agronomy, addressed the loss of income and expense put upon the growers in the quarantined areas. He stated none of the early fields quarantined showed a loss of production. He stated the policies were overreaching, creating undo hardship to the growers and asked that we try to find common ground to resolve the problem.

Scott Searle, Steve France, Adam Neibaur, Shane Anderson, Andrew Mickelsen, Kirk Oler and Loren Clinger, Growers, all representing farm families spanning several generations that are now affected by PCN. They told of the added cost to meet regulations and the stress of repeated testing. They said the value of their land is diminished and less desirable causing hardship especially for those now facing retirement. The crops they are able to grow do not bring in the cash price as growing potatoes, making their farm less profitable.

Stephanie Mickelsen, Grower, explained the Idaho code concerning PCN. She stated there were serious problems within the code that need to be addressed. She said the science we have is not good and cannot be compared to the testing done in Europe. The testing here is much more stringent than the world standard for testing of PCN. She said the commission and department have not been as helpful as they could have been.

In response to a committee question concerning how much money has been spent by the State Department to try and eradicate PCN, she stated well over 63 million between the state and the federal government.

Responding to a committee question regarding help offered by Dupont and Dow, **Ms. Mickelsen** said the state is the only one who can allow potatoes to grow on those fields that would benefit from the testing.

Dr. Mark Thornton, University of Idaho, explained to the committee about trap crops that have been grown and tried in Europe and also in the testing lab at the University of Idaho. The Litchi Tomato plant is a trap plant for the PCN. In controlled studies in Europe this has shown to be effective. In Europe this testing is 10 years ahead of what we are doing in the states. This is similar to other trap crops used in sugarbeet fields. In Europe they are used to managing PCN. Their goal is to manage it rather than eradicate it. He stated in Idaho the Litchi Tomato is classified as a noxious weed although in other areas it is not classified that way.

In response to committee questions **Dr. Thornton** explained potatoes have been planted after the trap plant in controlled green house situations successfully. This has not been tried in fields in Idaho at this time. He said the amount of seed is limited and they would only have enough to seed 50-60 acres at this time.

Wyatt Pinfold, Seed Grower, explained PCN was first found in Canada on a seed farm. Regulations were made for seed potatoes rather than whole potatoes. He said seed potatoes are the most likely way for PCN to be spread. He stated international standards should be the guidelines for testing. **Mr. Pinfold** said anytime the standards go beyond those international standards it creates undo hardship. He suggested new standards be set in the rule making process.

He clarified international standards for the committee. The standards are 5 pound soil check for any country. If PCN is found then they do a 20 pound check. If that is clear then they can plant two cycles of potato crops before testing again. If they deem it necessary they can test more often.

Mark Telford, seed grower, expressed his concern to the committee that Idaho is not testing at international standards.

Jared Wattenbarger, reminded the committee international testing is for 5 pounds but he gave the example of **Mark Anderson's** ground who had 140 pounds tested before they found PCN. He stated if they look hard enough they can find it in almost any potato field.

Dr. Thornton clarified a committee question that regardless if they find one nematode or 1,000, the ground is treated the same. There is no delineation for infestation rates.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Wednesday, March 18, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1073	Relating to Noxious Weeds	Rep. Erpelding

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2015

TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Lloyd Knight, ISDA; Jim Martell, Canyon County Weed Control; Bryce Fowler, Fremont County Weed Control; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Gorgon Edwards, Cassia County Weed Control; Mitch Whitmill, Jefferson County Weed Control; Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed Control; Brian K. Wilbur, Ada County Weed Control; Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho; Rick Waitley, Idaho Weed Control Association

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

S 1073

Senator Keough explained the goal of this legislation is to provide a way for research to be done on biological control methods for noxious weeds. This legislation is the result of three years of negotiations. She said much of the language is the result of ISDA's (Idaho Department of Agriculture) input. She stated as soon as she was made aware of concerns held by the Weed Control Superintendents, efforts were made to address them. Sen. Keough said the heart of the bill is that the director would be notified in writing of the research project at least thirty (30) days prior to any collection, removal or movement of any noxious weeds.

Rick Waitley, Idaho Weed Control Association, explained they were opposed to the bill as originally written. They were invited back to help draft amendments and make some minor changes but after close review still feel they can't support the bill. The IWCA (Idaho Weed Control Association) felt rushed in making a hasty decision and for this reason asks the committee to not send **S 1073** to the floor until adequate time is given to modify the legislation.

Rep. Batt declared Rule 38 stating her husband is involved as a voting member of IWCA.

Jim Martell, Canyon County Weed Control, expressed his concerns were that some of the definitions were too broad, counties would not be able to monitor or contain escapes of the research project, and there could be unforeseen fiscal impact to the counties. In the updated amendments all of these concerns seem to have been addressed.

Bryce Fowler, Fremont County Weed Control; **Brian Wilbur**, Ada County Weed Control; **Gordon Edwards**, Cassia County Weed Control; and **Mitch Whitmill**, Jefferson County Weed Control; all stated with the changes made in the amendments, they are now supportive of the legislation.

Dennis Tanikuni Idaho Farm Bureau, expressed support for **S 1073**. He expressed to **Rep. Erpelding** and **Senator Keough** his thanks for their hard work to answer every concern. He urged the committee to pass the legislation so research can start immediately.

Jeffrey Pettingill, Bonneville County Weed Control, said Idaho's program is one of the best in the nation and is looked to by others for guidelines to follow. He encouraged the committee to eliminate any gray areas in the law. He stated he agreed with the amended changes made thus far. He suggested a look at other research done outside of the state in order to gain information on aquatic noxious weeds.

Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho, spoke **in support** of the bill. He stated they have always been a strong advocate of control or eradication of noxious weeds. He said progress always comes from research we do today.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to send **S 1073** to General Orders.
- SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a substitute motion to Hold **S 1073** in committee for a time certain, March 24, 2015.
- MOTION WITHDRAWN:** **Rep. Dayley** withdrew his substitute motion to Hold **S 1073** in committee for a time certain, March 24, 2015.
- SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Bell** made a substitute motion to Hold **S 1073** for a time certain, March 20, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Friday, March 20, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1073	Noxious Weeds	Sen. Keough

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2015
TIME: Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau
Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m.
S 1073: **Rep. Dayley** asked the committee members if there were any questions regarding the amendments to **S 1073**.
Rep. Miller asked if all concerns of the parties involved had been addressed.
Rep. Dayley answered in the affirmative.
Rep. Batt requested the word "weeks" be correctly changed to "weeds" in the amended Statement of Purpose.
MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **S 1073** to General Orders with committee amendments attached. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 or Upon Adjournement
Room EW42
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>S 1113</u>	Idaho Beef Council - Property	Stan Boyd, Idaho Cattle Association
	Idaho Beef Council	Traci Bracco, Executive Director
	Fuel Transfer Fee	Russ Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho

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DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

TIME: 1:30 or Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle, Bell

GUESTS: Brent Olmstead, MP Idaho; Stan Boyd, Idaho Cattle Association; Jane Wittmeyer, Wittmeyer and Associates; Dennis Tanikuni, Farm Bureau; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Mitch Royer, Food Producers of Idaho; Rick Waitley, Food Producers of Idaho; Suzanne Budge, SBSA Associate LLC

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve minutes of the Thursday, March 12, 2015 and Monday, March 16, 2015 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1113: **Stan Boyd**, Idaho Cattle Association, explained the purpose of this legislation is to correct an oversight in the original bill and allow Idaho Beef Council to own or lease property deemed necessary in the operation of the Council.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **S 1113** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Burtenshaw** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Traci Bracco, Executive Director of Idaho Beef Council, explained the mission of the Idaho Beef Council is to build consumer demand for beef through integrated state, national and international programs and increase the opportunity for producer profitability. She stated the return on Beef Checkoff investment is \$11.20 for every dollar invested. Ms. Bracco explained the various advertising strategies in place using today's media. She addressed the rising cost of beef explaining 76% of consumers say beef is worth the price. She also stated 75% of consumers are eating the same amount of beef this year as last year with 14% eating more than the previous year. She indicated as the middle class grows in the world market, so will the demand for beef and the demand will be met by improved herds, innovation and efficiency in operations.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Bracco** explained unlike the Idaho Potato, state branding of Idaho Beef is not allowed.

Ms. Bracco stated in response to a committee question regarding refunds requested on the assessment fee, only about 2% have ever been requested. She stated most producers are satisfied with the dollars they spend and the positive results they see.

Brent Holmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho, addressed the committee to explain their position on the fuel tax. He explained the history of the petroleum Clean Water Trust fund started in 1990. The transfer fee of 1 cent per gallon is on all petroleum products, including dyed diesel, jet fuel, and aviation fuel. This is the diesel fuel used in vehicles not driven on public roads or highways.

Russ Hendricks Idaho Farm Bureau, explained how the red die diesel fuel came into being and took the place of a fuel tax refund. He stated vehicles using this fuel do not impact public roads.

Mr. Olmstead stated they are in support of some sort of funding for roads and gave ideas they could support.

In response to a committee question regarding fraudulent use of red die fuel, **Mr. Olmstead** said they would be in favor of stronger enforcement to ensure red die fuel was not used other than for what it was intended.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Monday, March 30, 2015

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Commerce In Idaho Farming	Jeff Sayer, Idaho Commerce
SCR 116	Importation of Animals IDAPA 02.04.21	No Testimony

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it along with the name of the person or organization responsible to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 30, 2015

TIME: 1:30 p.m. or upon adjournment

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: John Curver, ICOA; Jay Stark, ISCAC; Jim Lowe, Food Producers of Idaho; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Chanel Tewalt, ISDA; Karianne Fallow, United Dairymen; Rulon Jones, Broadmouth Ranch; Chase Jones, Self

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, March 18, 2015, Friday, March 20, 2015 and Tuesday, March 24, 2015 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Andrus recognized **Quentin Frederick** who has served as the Agricultural Affairs Committee Page and thanked him for his service.

Chairman Andrus and the Committee thanked Secretary, **Joan Majors** for her work for the Committee this session.

SCR 116: Senate Concurrent Resolution to reject **IDAPA 02.04.21**, relating to the importation of animals.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to send **SCR 116** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Chairman Andrus** requested a roll call vote on **SCR 116**. **Motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Batt, Bell, Dayley, Troy, Pence, Erpelding. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, McMillan, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Andrus.**

The committee was addressed by **Jeff Sayer**, Director of Idaho Commerce. He stated Idaho has an unprecedented opportunity to capitalize on the growing opportunity in the developing industry of Ag Tech. He explained in the next 40 years the world population is expected to pass the 9 billion threshold. Feeding the world is about to become a hot topic and an economic growth opportunity for Idaho's Agriculture. He said topics like optimum soil use, water preservation, and energy efficiency will all become higher priorities as we move forward. Food production will need to increase by 70% in the next 40 years. The only way to meet those trends is to enhance the yields and efficiencies in our food supply chain which will require technology and for Idaho this presents a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Chairman Andrus turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Boyle**.

Mr. Sayer said all of the latest IGEM (Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission) grants went to Ag Tech projects. The grants included Idaho State University for unmanned aircraft, Boise State for Ag Computer Science and University of Idaho for water technology.

Mr. Sayer explained how BYU Idaho is in the planning stages to build a \$50 to \$60 million Ag Tech program. BYU Idaho already has world wide industry partners and wants to partner with the University of Idaho to be a feeder program for their PHD research teams.

When given the chance to support Ag technology and innovation, **Mr. Sayer** asked the committee members to do so at every opportunity.

In response to a committee question regarding how this will impact the work force in Idaho, **Mr. Sayer** said this would bring good paying jobs to Idaho and help us stay competitive as we are able to capitalize on this trend.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary