AMENDED #1
AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW05
Wednesday, January 12, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Introductions	Chairman Trail
	Rules	Chairman Trail

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Rep Dennis Lake
Rep John Stevenson
Rep Darrell Bolz
Rep Mack Shirley
Rep Jim Patrick
Rep Judy Boyle
Rep Shannon McMillan(Harwood)
Rep Pat Takasugi(Batt)
Rep Donna Pence
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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 12, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan (Harwood), Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey.

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Laura Johnson, ISDA; Dennis Tanikuni, IFB; Brad Hunt, OAR; Mark Gehrhe, Intern; Brent Olmstead, Government Relations and Bob Naerebout, IDA.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed the returning committee members, secretary and page. Each member gave a brief history of their background. He stated it would be a brief meeting. The Chairman then announced upcoming legislative events and various agenda items for upcoming committee meetings in January. Rep. Bolz and Rep. Lacey will review all committee minutes.

The Chairman reminded the group of the Breakfast Briefing at the Department of Agriculture, scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on January 13, 2011. Transportation will be provided via the shuttle, which will be located on the Jefferson Street side of the Statehouse and will depart at 7:30 a.m.

Regarding the January 18, 2011, Rules committee meeting, Chairman Trail indicated that there will be two subcommittee meetings with Rep. Andrus chairing livestock and Rep. Patrick chairing the crop committee meetings. Committee members serving with livestock are Rep. Lake, Rep. Pence, Rep. Shirley, Rep. Lacey and Rep. Trail. Crop committee members are Rep. Stevenson, Rep. Bolz, Rep. Boyle, Rep. Batt and Rep. Harwood. January 20, 2011, meeting will conclude the rules.

Upcoming presentations will be given by Department of Agriculture and University of Idaho Department of Agriculture. Legislation will be regarding introduced animal cruelty, right to farm, and brands.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AMENDED #1 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, January 18, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of minutes for January 12, 2011	

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PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan (Harwood), Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey.

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Wayne Newbill, IASLD; Karen Ewing, ISDA; Dr Bill Barton, ISDA; Leah Clark, ISDA; Brian Oakey, ISDA; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Greg Ledbetter, Elk Breeders; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Wally Butler, IFB; Max W Pond, Kent Lauer, IFB; Kristy Sternes, Velvet Ranch; Celia Gould, ISDA; Stan Boyd, Velvet Ranch; Carol Youtz, BVM; Terry Halbert, SWC; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Mike Cooper, ISDA; Nicole Swafford, IFB; Dennis Tanikuni, IFB

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Representative Patrick** moved to recommend approval of the minutes for January 12, 2011 to the full committee; **motion carried on voice vote.**

Dennis Stevenson, Administration Rules Coordinator; talked about temporary rules that are approved for extension are included in an omnibus concurrent resolution. Rules are not approved by legislation. Legislative Services office draft the omnibus concurrent resolution once the rules review has concluded. He hoped this cleared up any questions regarding temporary rules in the committee and subcommittee.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

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Representative Trail
Chair

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Diane Tolley
Secretary

MINUTES

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
ANDRUS SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE:	Tuesday, January 18, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Andrus, Lake, Shirley, Lacey, Trail
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Wayne Newbill, IASLD; Karen Ewing, ISDA; Dr Bill Barton, ISDA; Leah Clark, ISDA; Brian Oakey, ISDA; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Greg Ledbetter, Elk Breeders; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Wally Butler, IFB; Max W Pond, Kent Lauer, IFB; Kristy Sternes, Velvet Ranch; Celia Gould, ISDA; Stan Boyd, Velvet Ranch; Carol Youtz, BVM; Terry Halbert, SWC; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Mike Cooper, ISDA; Nicole Swafford, IFB; Dennis Tanikuni, IFB.

Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm.

DOCKET NO. 02–0408–1001: **Marv Patten,**(ISDA) presented **Docket No: 02–0408–1001** Rules Governing Grade A Milk and Milk Products which will consolidate four rules that each address different aspects of Grade A milk into one rule.

MOTION: **Representative Trail** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0408-1001** to the full committee; **motion carried on voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02–0413–1001: **Marv Patten**, ISDA, presented **Docket No: 02–0413–1001**; Rules Governing Raw Milk with very few changes except to modify and require either the words “not pasteurized” or “unpasteurized” in addition to the word “raw” on raw milk or raw milk products containers. This was a request from the Department of Health & Welfare to help ensure that the procurers of the raw milk product are aware that the raw milk or the raw milk products have not been pasteurized.

MOTION: **Representative Trail** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No: 02-0413-1001** to the full committee for approval; **motion carried on voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02–0419–1001: **Dr. Bill Barton**, ISDA, presented changes to **Docket No: 02–0419–1001** Domestic Ceridae to clarify the collection of the annual per head fee on domestic Cervidae and to propose ranch management plans as a method of administering the domestic Cervidae program more efficiently and provide cost saving to the domestic Cervidae producer. A fee not to exceed five dollars ($5) per head per year on elk or three dollars ($3) per head per year on fallow deer and reindeer is to be assessed on all domestic cervidae in the state to cover administering costs. A Voluntary Ranch Management Plan will be developed cooperatively by the owner or authorized agent and the Administrator; the Administrator will conduct a risk assessment on egress and ingress. The ranch must have no documented cases of ingress of wild cervidae or egress of domestic cervidae within eighteen (18) months of the request for waiver. Unless a domestic cervidea ranch is operating with an approved ranch management plan by the Administrator, brain tissue from one hundred percent (100%) of all domestic cervidea sixteen (16) months of age or older that die or are harvested on ranches shall be submitted by the owner or operator to official laboratories. In the event the ranch cannot submit a viable brain sample; a waiver request within forty eight (48) hours is requested.

Dr. Greg Ledbetter with the Elk Breeders states there was not enough concerned people involved and notified to the times of the negotiations and rule making changes.

Kristy Sterns with Velvet Ranch is opposed to several rule changes; ranch management plans as the Department of Agricultural should already have records in place. Also this rule was not negotiated with concerned ranchers and they did not have a voice in the rule making. She is currently working on proposed legislation to be presented to the Department of Agricultural for negotiations. She does not have a problem with Section 090. Fee change.

Stan Boyd represents Velvet Ranch and said the industry did not give proper notification to concerned parties. He opposes the 100% testing of tissue matter and physical inspections. He will work closely with Department of Agriculture to help resolve these issues. He also states he is fine with the fee change.

Dr. Bill Barton ISDA states the ISDA had given several dates in May and June with no ranchers willing to meet, so 69 letters were sent to the ranchers, with only 14 returned and 12 of which asked for more information. We need to come up with reasonable rules within the budget. The final draft of the rule changes was presented in August 2010 with a 5 in favor and 3 opposed.

Director Gould of the Department of Agricultural commented their agency can no longer afford to subsidize the elk program and to go another year without guidance will not be good.

MOTION: **Representative Lake** moved to recommend that **Docket No. 02-0419-1001** be rejected except for **Section 090, Fees.**

Representative Lacey stated his objection and felt the rules should be approved and full support to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture be given.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Chairman Andrus** requested a roll call vote. By a vote of **4 aye and 1 nay,** the motion **passed**. Voting in the affirmative: **Reps. Andrus, Lake, Shirley and Trail**. Voting in the negative: **Rep. Lacey.**

DOCKET NO. 02–0421–1002: **Dr. Bill Barton,** ISDA, presented Rules Governing Importation of Animals **Docket No. 02-0421-1002**, proposed changes to maintain consistency among the rules with reference to trichomoniasis to include lowering the age for virgin bulls for import into Idaho from twenty four (24) months of age or less to less than twelve (12) months of age. The exemption for testing of bulls is clarified: A testing exemption has been included for bulls imported for exhibition purposes. The age of rodeo stock required to be tested for tuberculosis prior to import clarified at age six (6) months of age or older. Bulls imported for exhibition at livestock shows, provided the bull will be returned to its state of origin, will not be exposed to female cattle, and will not be offered for sale.

MOTION: **Representative Lake** moved to recommend **Docket No. 02-0421-1002** to the full committee; **motion carried on voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02–0429–1001: **Dr. Bill Barton,** ISDA, presented Rules Governing Trichomoniasis **Docket No: 02-0429-1001** changing Virgin Bulls native to Idaho that are less than twenty-four (24) moths of age which have never serviced a cow shall be exempt for the Trichomoniasis test requirements. Also, Virgin Bulls imported into Idaho that are less than twelve (12) months of age which have never serviced a cow are not required to be tested prior to import into Idaho with some exceptions. Personnel responsible of conducting testing must be trained and certified by ISDA in the detection of trichomonad organisms and must pass certifying check test administrated by the Division of Animal Industries.

MOTION: **Representative Lake** moved to recommend **Docket No. 02-0429-1001** to the full committee; **motion carried on voice vote.**

DOCKET NO: 02–0104–1001: **Leah Clark**, ISDA, presented Rule Governing the Idaho Preferred Program **Docket No. 02–0104-1001** with changes to the non-food to be more consistent with the processed food product qualification required the ingredient be 20% agricultural content by weight grown or raised in Idaho and that the product must be processed in Idaho. Currently, the non-food category such as soaps and compost must have 50% agriculture content from product gown and raised in Idaho. Also, clarifying pork and pork products coming from hogs that are processed at less than one (1) year of age unless used exclusively for ground pork or sausage product, and are processed in a federally inspected plant.

MOTION: **Representative Shirley** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0104-1001** to the full committee; **motion carried on voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 46–0101–1001: **Karen Ewing,** Board of Veterinary Medicine, presented **Docket No: 46-0101-1001** Veterinary Medicine amending to identify a facsimile number for the Board of Veterinary Medicine to authorize a procedure for filing of written communications documents by facsimile, as enabled by Section 54-2105, Idaho Code. Rule 150 is being amended to provide clarity to the definition of a valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship regarding the time period for examination of an animal. Rule 200 is being amended to increase the term of service for members of the Certified Euthanasia Task Force (CETF) from two (2) years to three (3) years, due to the complex nature of the BVM's certified euthanasia program. Also, to clarify the three (3) drug categories, and restrict the use of chemical capture drugs. Carbon monoxide-induced euthanasia chamber is removed as an approved method of euthanasia. Rule 205 is in regards to animal restraint and human safety

MOTION: **Representative Shirley** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 46-0101-1001 t**o the full committee; **motion carried on a voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Representative Ken Andrus
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
PATRICK SUBCOMMITTEE

Rules

DATE:	Tuesday, January 18, 2011
TIME:	1:45 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW12
MEMBERS:	Chairman Patrick, Representatives Stevenson, Bolz, Boyle, Pence, Takasugi(Batt), McMillan(Harwood)
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Sara Schmidt, State Soil & Water Conservation Commission; Kevin Merritt, Dept. of Agriculture; Mike Cooper, Dept. of Agriculture; Brandon Lamb, Dept. of Agriculture.

Chairman Patrick called the meeting to order at 1:45pm.

DOCKET NO. 60–0504–1001:

Ms. Schmidt, State Soil & Water Conservation Commission, said amendments to statute that were incorporated into the temporary rule included an increase in base funding of $8,500. The proposed rule changes also provide that local match is based on the prior fiscal year and caps match funding to any one district at $50,000.

She recognized that the local districts receive support from many entities, but only local government contributions are eligible to count toward the state match. She reviewed the basic forms that are required from each district.

Ms. Schmidt said it was important to be consistent and clear statewide in defining the services allowed. She asked that the Subcommittee recommend approving this rule as outlined and extend it to allow the Commission to be uninterrupted in their funding.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 60-0504-1001** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02–0214–1001:

Kevin Merritt, Dept. of Agriculture, said they are proposing two changes to the rule. One is to adopt by reference the 2011 edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Handbook, specifically as it relates to Weighing and Measuring Devices. This maintains uniformity throughout the Western U.S. The other change is to update and identify where documents may be purchased or found.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0214-1001** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02–0610–0901:

Mike Cooper, Dept. of Agriculture, said this rule was adopted to parallel a federal rule, that will eradicate a nematode that has infested 1100 acres in Idaho, currently under quarantine. This rule specifies the safe moving of equipment on or off infested fields, how to look up quarantined areas on the internet, how to locate infested areas, and outlines their authority and penalties for someone who left the field illegally.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0610-0901** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02–0612–1001: **Mr. Cooper** said this rule will permit "net volume" guarantees on liquid fertilizer labels and correct references to "Brand" registration as these are no longer required to be registered. Additionally, this rule prohibits sliding-scale guarantees, i.e. Total Nitrogen 15-18%, on fertilizer labels; it also allows for multi-use labeling of fertilizers.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0612-1001** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02–0616–1001: **Mr. Cooper** said this rule needs to be repealed entirely because the Crop Residue Burning program has been moved from the Dept. of Agriculture to the Division of Environmental Quality. The Division now has its own rules for Crop Residue Burning, so the aforementioned rule is rendered obsolete.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0616-1001** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02–0633–1001: **Brandon Lamb**, Dept. of Agriculture, said this rule will incorporate by reference the newest version of the National Organic Program Regulations. Also, the State Dept. of Agriculture will no longer offer certification seal stickers for certified organic products in order to prevent the misuse of the certification seal. The other change is that all references of "gross organic income" will be changed to "gross organic sales".

MOTION: **Rep. Harwood** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0633-1001** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02–0641–1001: **Mr. Cooper** presented information on the Soil and Plant Amendment Act. The changes to this rule are described as: updating the incorporation by reference section to reflect the 2011 Official Publication of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials; providing information regarding online availability and purchase of documents incorporated by reference; permitting a guaranteed analysis of plant nutrients on labels of potting soils, landscape and garden soils that contain only levels of fertilizer sufficient to initiate growth; and permitting multi-use labeling of soil amendment and plant amendment products.

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0641-1001** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02–0602–1001: **Mr. Cooper** presented information regarding Commercial Feed Law. This is another case of incorporation by reference, to adopt the 2011 version of the Official Publication of the Association of American Feed Control Officials. Also, in this rule, some technical changes were made and citations corrected. One modification was that the Principal Display Panel for retail sale may now include the front, back, or side panels of the package, in order to allow space for all of the necessary information required. Another adjustment in the rules was that nutritional guarantees and a list of feed ingredients are now to be listed in descending order of predominance by weight. There was also a clarification on the stop sale, use, or removal of detained commercial feeds, to prohibit violations of this order.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** moved to recommend approval of **Docket No. 02-0602-1001** to the full committee. **Motion carried on voice vote**.

Chairman Patrick designated **Rep. Batt** as the substitute Chair to present these items to the full committee in his absence.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Representative Jim Patrick
Chair

Kimberley Jensen-Porter
Majority Pool Secretary

AMENDED #1 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, January 20, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Report from Andrus Subcommittee Livestock	Rep. Andrus
02–0408–1001	Governing Grade A Milk and Milk Products	
02–0409–1001	Sanitation Ratings of Milk Shippers	
02–0410–1001	Cooperative State-Public Health Service	
02–0411–1001	Evaluation of Milk Laboratories	
02.-0419–1001	Domestic Cervidae	
02–0421–1002	Importation of Animals	
02–0429–1001	Trichomoniasis	
02–0104–1001	Idaho Preferred Program	
02–0413–1001	Rules Governing Raw Milk	
46–0101–1001	Veterinary Medicine	
	Report of Patrick Subcommittee Crops	Rep. Batt
60–0504–1001	Allocation of Funds to Conservation Districts	
02–0214–1001	Weights and Measures	
02–0610–0901	Pale Cyst Nematode	
02–0612–1001	Idaho Fertilizer Law	
02–0616–1001	Crop Residue Disposal Rules	
02–0633–1001	Organic Food Product	
02–0641–1001	Soil and Plant Amendment Act	
02–0602–1001	Commercial Feed Law	

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Thursday, January 20, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick (Patrick), Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Mark Gehrhe, Intern; Marv Patten, ISDA; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Brad Hunt, Office of Administrative Rules; Kristy Sternes, Velvet Ranch; Benjamin Kelly, Farwest Agribusiness.
	Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
MOTION:	**Rep. Batt** moved to approve **Docket No: 60-0504-1001; Docket No: 02-0214-1001; Docket No: 02-0610-0901; Docket No: 02-0612-1001; Docket No: 02-0616-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0633-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0641-1001; Docket No: 02-0602-1001. Motion carried on voice vote.**
MOTION:	**Rep. Andrus** moved to approve **Docket No: 02-0408-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0409-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0410-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0411-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0421-1002**; **Docket No: 02-0429-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0104-1001**; **Docket No: 02-0413-1001**; **Docket No. 46-0101-1001**. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
MOTION:	**Rep. Andrus** made a motion to reject **Docket No: 02-0419-1001**; except for Section 090, Fees. **Motion carried on voice vote**.
	Chairman Trail stated the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee has postponed any further action on **Docket No: 02-0419-1001** until February 15th in hopes parties involved will negotiate a settlement.
MOTION:	**Rep. Andrus** moved to **HOLD Docket No: 02-0419-1001** with the exception of **Section 0909, Fees,** in committee until February 5th or 6th. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
ADJOURN:	There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

MINUTES

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle; Dave Goins, Idaho News Service; Mark Duffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers; Dave Dixon, Greenleaf Farms; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Celia Gould, ISDA; Larry Beck, WSN Solutions; Brent Olmstead, MP Idaho; Kent Lauer, IFB; Brandon Lamb, ISDA; Dave Odgen, ISDA; Ron Bitner, Bitner Vineyard.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:28 p.m.

RS 19929: **Brandon Lamb**, ISDA, said in April 2009, there was an audit finding by the USDA noting that the current state organic food products law is more stringent than the National Organic Program (NOP) which is not allowed under the NOP Rules and Regulations.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson,** moved to introduce **RS19929. Motion carried on voice vote.**

RS 19930: **Dave Ogden**, ISDA, said this RS will require payment to seed producers within 90 days of sale unless other terms are agreed to in writing, and to authorize payment of claims made on the Seed Indemnity Fund (SIF) not later than two years after the date of sale of any seed for lawn, turf or land reclamation or restoration purpose. These changes have the support of the Seed Indemnity Fund Advisory Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Patrick** moved to introduce**RS19930**. **Motion carried on voice vote.**.

Garth Taylor, University of Idaho, presented The Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture, with projections of 2010. Idaho's agricultural cash receipts have bounded back to their second-highest level ever after last year's precipitous drop. Cash receipts from sales of crops and livestock in 2010 are projected to be $5.78 billion, a 12% increase over 2009. Idaho 2010 net farm income is expected to be $1.44 billion, 55% higher than in 2009. Of Idaho's top five agricultural products, milk, beef and wheat recorded higher cash receipts in 2010, with cash receipts for milk climbing $520 million to an estimated $1.95 billion. Dry beans and onions also scored big gains in cash receipts. Meanwhile cash receipts for potatoes and hay fell sharply, with cash receipts from potato sales falling an estimated $96 million to $690 million. Revenue form Cattle and calves is estimated at $1.11 billion, up 16% form 2009. Milk production in 2010 was over 1 billion pounds in 11 of 12 months. Revenue from Idaho milk is estimated to be $1.96 billion, up 36% form 2009. Idaho barley production in 2010 decreased an estimated 11% from 2009 levels, and the average barley price is projected to be 12% lower, resulting in barley revenues estimated at $202.2 million 21% lower than in 2009. Dry bean revenue is 2010 is estimated at $62.6 million, 13% higher than in 2009. Despite weak demand from dairies and beef early in 2010, hay remained Idaho's third most valuable crop. Potatoes remain Idaho's largest source of crop revenue with 2010 estimated at $690 million, 12% lower than in 2009. Idaho's 2010 potato production is estimated to be 114 million cwt, down 14% form 2009. Sugarbeet revenues are estimated at $247 million, down 2% from 2009. Wheat was Idaho's second-largest revenue producer among crops in 2010. Sugarbeet production is forecast to be 5.2 million tons down 8% form last year.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, January 26, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS19937	The Board of Veterinary Medicine/Exams	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
RS19953	The Board of Veterinary Medicine/Licensing	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
RS19958	The Board of Veterinary Medicine/Public zoos	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
RS19994C1	The Board of Veterinary Medicine/Suspension	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
Presentation	University of Idaho/ State Budget	Dean Hammel University of Idaho Department of Agriculture

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Garth Taylor, University of Idaho; Karen Ewing, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Carol Youtz, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Donn Thill, University of Idaho; Steve Bruns, Zoo Boise; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Rick Waitley, Food Producers of Southern Idaho; Wally Butler, IFBF; Kent Laner, IFB; Dennis Tanikuni, IFB.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

RS 19937: **Karen Ewing**, Board of Veterinary Medicine presented **RS 19937.** She explained that as a condition for licensure in Idaho as a veterinarian or veterinary technician, an applicant must have successfully passed a national examination. These exams are computer-based and are given by third party examination vendors with score reports provided to Idaho afterwards. The Board finds pre-approval of exam candidates to be an unnecessary bureaucratic step. Twenty-one (21) other states have made this change as well. The requirement for national veterinary exam candidates to apply to Idaho for approval and then apply separately to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) can cause tremendous confusion for candidates. The examination application deadline is quite different than the Board's statutory application deadline. The Board reviews between six (6) and twelve (12) veterinary exam candidates each year, and charges a review fee of $50. The fiscal impact of losing $300 to $600 revenue each year is negligible. Exam candidates will not need to be pre-approved and reported to the NBVME, nor will the final score reports be provided to candidates by the Board office as is currently done. This will save Board staff time, which is important in two person office.

MOTION: **Rep. Lake** moved to introduce **RS 19937**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 19953: **Karen Ewing,**Board of Veterinary Medicine presented **RS 19953** which allows individual states to add provisions to their respective laws authorizing discipline against veterinarians or applicants for veterinary licensure for cheating or committing other violations in the taking or administration of the NAVLE. The exam is computer based and candidates have been cheating on the exam by sharing examination content through the internet and other means. The Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) finds it necessary to add exam breaches to it's grounds for discipline to be able to address the behavior of cheating in the event that individual applies for Idaho veterinary licensure. The National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) defines irregular behavior to include any behavior that threatens the integrity of the examination process. The NBVME reserves the right to cancel scores and may bar that individual from one or more future administrations or permanently. Such individuals may also be subject to possible civil or criminal prosecution.

MOTION: **Rep. Lake** moved to introduce **RS 19953**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 19958: **Karen Ewing**, Board of Veterinary Medicine presented **RS 19958** regarding Veterinarians providing care to Idaho zoo animals. Because the application process takes several weeks to process and complete it makes it difficult to provide care in a timely matter or immediate care if needed. The proposed legislation would limit the duration an Idaho zoo could use an unlicensed out-of-state veterinarian to one (1) year with specific entry and exit notification requirement. A zoo may spend several months going through the process to hire and the Board believes the hiring process can be complete within one (1) year's time with this legislation. Not every veterinarian is qualified to treat certain exotic species of animals and this exception would allow appropriate care.

MOTION: **Rep. Shirley** moved to introduce **RS 19958**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 19994C1: **Karen Ewing,** Board of Veterinary Medicine presented **RS 19994C1**. This legislation would authorize the Board of Veterinary Medicine to revoke or suspend an existing license or certification for a maximum period of (10) years or to impose a ten (10) year restriction on reapplication of a revoked or suspended license. In addition, the legislation authorizes the Board, in any order denying an application for licensure, to impose a restriction on reapplication for a maximum period of up to ten (10) years. Based on an application denial from 2009, in which an applicant blatantly lied on her application; this would assure that orders of the Board provide a time period of suspension, revocation, and reapplication.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** moved to introduce **RS 19994C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote**.

Chairman Trail asked for motions to approve full committee and subcommittee minutes.

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to recommend approval of the minutes for January 18, 2011 Andrus subcommittee. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** moved to recommend approval of the minutes for January 18, 2011 Patrick subcommittee. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to recommend approval of minutes for January 18, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Rep Andrus reported that little progress has been made in negotiations with concerned groups and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Department regarding **Docket No. 02-0419-1001,** Domestic Cervidae.

Dr. John Hammel, Dean with the University of Idaho gave a report regarding budget reductions and actions. He explained that elimination of vacant positions, retirement incentive/termination and MMBB department restructure have all been made. There have been reductions in the following areas of agriculture education departments: 4-H office mergers, R & E centers and restructure of Districts from four to three. Technical support salaries and benefits have been reduced 50%; as well as analytical service laboratories, graduate assistantships and operating expenses. Revenue generated through industry partnerships with Simplot and agricultural organizations include: growth in dairy, wheat, barley and potatoes. Grants that are received go back to the research program.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AMENDED #2 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, February 02, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS20059	Pea and Lentil	Representative Trail
RS20128	Idaho Department of Brands	Representative Lake
	Presentation on Immigration Reform	Brent Olmstead Idaho Business Coalition for Immigration Reform

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, February 02, 2011
TIME:	1:32 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Will Ledbetter, Student; Brent Olmstead, Immigration Reform; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Wally Butler, IFBF; Clark Corbin, Post Register; Michael Friddle, IFBF; Mark Goddard, Food Producers.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of the January 20 meeting as written; **motion carried on voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of the January 24 meeting as written; **motion carried on voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of the January 26 meeting as written; **motion carried on voice vote.**

RS 20059: **Rep. Trail,** explained that current statute requires two processors or dealers to serve on the Idaho Dry Pea and Lentil Commission. The number of processors active in Idaho has significantly decreased. The Commission estimates there are only five to seven processors that are eligible to serve on the board. The Board voted to reduce the number of processors from two to one; which would reduce the number of board members from seven to six.

MOTION: **Rep. Shirley** moved to introduce **RS 20059.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** moved to send **RS 20059** to second reading calendar. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. Trail** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 20128: **Rep. Lake**, explained that **RS 20128** revised fee provisions charged by the Idaho Department of Brands to increase revenues. The following areas are affected: ownership and transportation certificates, renewal of brands, sale and transfers of brands and licensing requirements for doing business as a livestock dealer. The fee increases will make up for half of revenue lost because of the decrease in animals owned.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** moved to introduce **RS 20128. Motion carried on voice vote.**

Brent Olmstead, representing the Coalition for Immigration Reform, gave a report on Immigration issues in our country and Idaho. He explained that with the changing workforce in America, seventy-five million baby boomers will retire in 2012. The U.S. fertility rate will drop below replacement levels by 2015 and native born workers are more educated today and less likely to do manual labor. He further explained that we face enforcement challenges on the border, inside the border and at the workplace. He reported that currently in place is a voluntary free internet resource program named E-Verify to help employers verify newly hired employees. Mr. Olmstead reported that this data base is a combination of information from Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration, where I-9 information is entered and verified with a ninety five percent accuracy.

This program does not protect against identity theft and can not be used for pre-employment screening situations. He also reported that a popular guest worker program is H-2A (seasonal agricultural worker) which provides benefits for an adequate work force and regulated legal methods for workers. He explained that with this program, the quotas are set too low and certifications are often issued too late. He commented that there is no reason for our crops to rot in the fields for lack of harvesters. He concluded that immigration is a beneficial part of our country.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Representative Trail
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AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, February 08, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H0062	Veterinary Medicine National Exam	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
H0063	Veterinarians, Licensing Exam	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
H0064	Veterinarians, Licensure, Zoos	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
H0065	Veterinarians Suspension, Revocation and Reapplication	Karen Ewing Board of Veterinary Medicine
	Idaho Aquaculture Commission	Linda Lemmon Idaho Aquaculture Commission
	Idaho State Department of Agriculture Budget	Director Celia Gould Idaho Department of Agriculture

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Tuesday, February 08, 2011
TIME:	1:36 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Representative Stevenson
GUESTS:	George Robinson, ISDA; Fred Rios, ISDA; Lloyd Knight, ISDA; Kelly Nichen, ISDA; Brain Oakey, ISDA; Carol Youtz, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Karen Ewing, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Bill Barton, ISDA; Kristy Sternes, Velvet Ranch; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Beth Rich, Tautphaus Park Zoo; Steve Burns, Zoo Boise; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Dennis Tanham, Idaho Farm Bureau; Dar Olberding, Idaho Grain Producers.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

Rep. Lacey moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011 meeting as written; **motion carried on voice vote.**

H 62: **Karen Ewing,** Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine, Explained that this bill will correct the unnecessary pre-approval process when licensing candidates. Currently, the statute requires the Board of Medicine to pre-approve candidates for national veterinary and veterinary technician examinations before the candidate is allowed to take the exam. She further explained they apply separately to the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME), which causes tremendous confusion for senior veterinary school students. She stated exam candidates will not need to be pre-approved and reported to the NBVME nor will the final score reports be provided to candidates by the Board office as is currently done.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** moved to send **H 62** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. McMillan** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 63: **Karen Ewing,** Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine, noted the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) is the national examination taken by all senior veterinary students and foreign graduates prior to licensure. The exam is computer-based and is proctored at Promeric Testing Centers around the nation. She explained some candidates has been caught cheating on the exam by sharing examination content through the internet and other means. The Board of Veterinary Medicine finds it necessary to add exam breaches to its grounds for discipline to address the behavior of an applicant who has cheated. She stated such individuals may also be subject to possible civil or criminal prosecution.

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to send **H 63** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 64: **Karen Ewing**, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine, explained that in the event a regular zoo veterinarian is unavailable or unqualified to treat the species in question due to its exotic nature and with no provision in place for an out of state licensed veterinarian to come into Idaho and provide care; this legislation would provide the care with a limited duration. Idaho zoos can use an unlicensed out of state veterinarian up to one year. She explained publicly owned zoos have tremendous monetary investments in these animals and immediate care is important. Availability of a qualified out-of-state zoo veterinarian to care for a sick or injured zoo animal mitigates the potential for financial loss. She also explained that this exception would allow appropriate care in a timely manner on a limited basis.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** moved to send **H 64** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. Batt** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 65: **Karen Ewing,** Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine, explained that this legislation brings time periods for suspension, revocation, and reapplication for the Board of Veterinary Medicine to impose if necessary. She commented on the two main elements giving the board express, rather than implied authority, and also a time constraint on that authority. She remarked the specific time period of up to ten years is advised.

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to send **H 65** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. Lacey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Celia Gould, representing the Idaho Department of Agriculture, gave a report on several interesting programs including; noxious and aquatic weeds, container recycling program, invasive species, their milfoil program and meeting their budget needs. She reported they had a reduction of approximately two hundred and twenty-five employees, and was the first agency to try "zero based" budgeting. Director Gould reported they have consolidated several labs, added more responsibilities to full time employees and closed their Nampa office. She commented that although their service has changed due to the reduction in employees, everyone is staying positive, doing a great job and helping out where needed.

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** made a motion to support the Idaho Department of Agriculture's proposed budget. **Motion was carried on voice vote.**

Linda Lemmon, Secretary and Treasurer for Idaho Aquaculture Commission, gave a report on their industry and challenges they are facing with the economy. She states Idaho is the number one trout producer in the nation, with sturgeon ranking number two in the nation and still people don't know who and what they do. She stated the current members of the Commission are energized and have outlined a new strategy to revamp their marketing direction with the use of web sites, multi-lingual brochures and in-house training. The Commission will direct customers, the general public, processors and producers to their point of sale and other downloads that will be helpful. Ms. Lemmon reported there is not enough fish to supply the US market, and they are working hard to increase their market share. She claims if the Commission can show the producers and processors the value of their new market campaign, their industry will grow.

Rep. Andrus reported there are positive negotiations with all concerned parties regarding the Domestic Cervidea solution.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 02-0419-1001**, except for Section 090. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

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

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
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AMENDED #2 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, February 10, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H38	Organic Food Products	Brandon Lam Idaho Department of Agriculture
H39	Seed Crops	Dave Ogden Idaho Department of Agriculture
RS20262C1	Animal Care	Representative Patrick
RS20300	CAFO	Representative Stevenson
RS20277	Alfalfa and Clover Seed	Benjamin Kelly Alfalfa and Clover Seed Growers Association
RS20285	Dairy Products	Representative Vander Woude
	Idaho Rangeland Commission	Gretchen Hyde Idaho Rangeland Commission

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TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Rep. Lacey
GUESTS:	Wyoma Clouss, Idaho Dog Coalition; Laura Johnson, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Lisa Kauffman, Humane Society of the US; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Rich Garber, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Dennis Tanham, Idaho Farm Bureau; Benjamin Kelly, Idaho Alfalfa & Clover Seed Growers Association; Rick Waitley, Food Producers of Idaho.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

H 38:	**Brandon Lamb,** Idaho Department of Agriculture, stated this legislation deletes the restrictive yearly education requirements and corrects clerical errors relating to the Organic Food Products Code.
MOTION:	**Rep. Pence** moved to send **H 38** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. Pence** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
H 39:	**Dave Ogden**, Idaho Department of Agriculture, presented this bill regarding seed crops. It amends payments to be paid within ninety days to the producer; unless otherwise agreed upon in writing. For seed crops (lawns, turf, etc.) payment may not exceed two years from the date of transfer or sale, whichever occurs later.
MOTION:	**Rep. Patrick** moved to send **H 39** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. Patrick** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
RS 20262C1:	**Rep. Patrick** stated this bill will clarify and define the role of local enforcement agencies and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture when dealing with animal care issues. He explained it will also clarify the definition of production and companion animals.
MOTION:	**Rep. Shirley** moved to introduce **RS 20262C1**. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
RS 20300:	**Rep. Stevenson,** explained the CAFO legislation (concentrated animal feeding operation) will define and clarify "site" analysis to local authorities and authorizes certain fees to be charged when applicable.
MOTION:	**Rep. Andrus** moved to introduce **RS 20300**. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
RS 20277:	**Benjamin Kelly**, Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Growers, stated this legislation provides that the Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission be established as a "self-governing" agency. He also explained the legislation will remove obsolete language and revise the provision relating to growers nominations and submission of names to the Governor.
MOTION:	**Rep. Andrus** moved to introduce **RS 20277. Motion carried on voice vote.**

RS 20285: **Rep. Vander Woude** explained that the proposed legislation for "dairy products" will update the statutes in today's Dairy Industry standards. He commented on the following updates: accurate testing of components and the quality of milk, methods of testing milk and cream, licenses and licensees fees/fines and penalties for violations.

MOTION: **Rep. Shirley** moved to introduce **RS 20285**. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Gretchen Hyde with the Idaho Rangeland Commission gave a presentation on the Commissions budget and a recent telephone public poll they conducted. She explained that for the last thirteen years their budget has been conservative and constant. The Commission's partnership with the University of Idaho has not only been successful, but has made the Commission a success. They currently have an out-reach program with the ranchers and livestock managers. She commented that through symposiums held with the University of Idaho they have been able to reach many different other groups also. She stated school field trips have declined, and they are currently taking education material directly to the schools. She informed the committee that to reach a younger class of individuals they looked to Facebook to fulfil this need. She explained the Commission's "public poll" was conducted through land lines and cell phones, based on a region in southwest Idaho. In response to a question regarding the use of rangelands she explained that the ATV riders and horseback riders were a big supporter of the rangelands and was surprised to find that the hikers were the least supportive. She further explained that overall the Commissions poll indicated that over ninety percent of the people surveyed felt the condition of the rangelands is very important and also conveyed they thought the lands were well kept.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Representative Trail Chair	Diane Tolley Secretary

AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Monday, February 14, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 101	State Brand Board	Representative Dennis Lake
RS20384	Right to Farm	Roger Batt Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association Dan Steenson Ringert Law
	Idaho Potato Commission	Frank Muir, President Idaho Potato Commission

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TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Frank Muir, Idaho Potato Commission; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Dan Steenson, Coalition for Agriculture; Roger Batt, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association; Stan Boyd, Idaho Cattle Association; Larry Hayhurst, Idaho Department of Brands; Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho; Bob Naerebout, Daireymen's Association; Wally Butler, Idaho Farm Bureau; Kent Lauer, Idaho Farm Bureau; Wyatt Prescott, Idaho State Agriculture; Norm Semanko, Idaho Food Producers; Jessica Barnie, Idaho Water Users Association.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of February 8, 2011. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Chairman Trail turned the meeting over to **Vice Chairman Andrus.**

H 101: **Rep. Lake** presented this bill for the Idaho Department of Brands. This legislation will revise current conservative brand fees in the following areas: ownership and transportation, certificates, renewal of brands, transfer of brands, and livestock dealer licenses. He explained that the Idaho Department of Brands does not receive revenue from the General Fund and, because the livestock numbers are dropping it is necessary to raise fees to cover expenses. Some of this revenue will cover personnel, insurance, technical support and building utilities.

Stan Boyd, Idaho Cattle Association; **Bob Naerabout**, Idaho Daireymen's Association; **Wally Butler**, Idaho Farm Bureau; and **Norm Semanko,** Idaho Food Producers; testified in favor of this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Patrick** moved to send **H 101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Shirley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 20384: **Roger Batt,** Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association, explained Idaho's Right to Farm legislation. He explained that the main purpose of this Act is to limit circumstances in which agricultural operations may be deemed a nuisance and to avoid nuisance lawsuits. He further explained this Act will protect agricultural products in the category of: food, fiber, fuel and other lawful uses and expansion of an agricultural operation. He also stated a new severability clause was added to Section 6, Idaho Code, in the event other sections within that Code are found to be invalid by a court of law.

Rep. Batt advised the committee she was invoking House Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but would be voting on this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to introduce **RS 20384**. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Andrus turned the meeting back to **Chairman Trail.**

Frank Muir, with the Idaho Potato Commission, gave a report on the Commission's budget. He stated Idaho had a record yield crop with approximately thirteen billion pounds of potatoes produced last year. He explained the higher tax revenue was mainly due to the magnitude of the crop that was produced. He further commented that the cost to produce these crops are still increasing and some farmers are still struggling. Mr. Muir commented that the Commission's marketing campaigns have been very successful in the past seven years, focusing on the "Buy Idaho" seal and potato nutritional benefits. Mr. Muir further talked about the Commissions strategy to grow and market speciality/gourmet potatoes to be exported and distributed throughout the United States. He said currently the russet potato is the industry's main species. A third of the russet potatoes are exported to Mexico, China, and South America.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	State of Idaho International Trade Office Report	Mr. Eddie Yen, Manager Idaho-Asia Trade Office, Taiwan Mr. Xu Fang, Manager Idaho-China Trade Office, China Mr. Armando Oreliana, Manager Idaho-Mexico Trade Office, Mexico

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Rep. Lake and Rep. Boyle

GUESTS: Laura Johnson, Idaho Department of Agricultural; Armando Oreliana, Idaho-Mexico Trade; Eddie Yen, Idaho-Asia Trade; Xu Fang, Idaho-China Trade; Jacob Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2011. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Armando Oreliana, representing the Idaho-Mexico Trade Office, reported that, in general; Mexico's economy is growing and proceeding in the right direction. He stated that the exports of goods have increased twenty-five percent. He also commented that the peso exchange rate has appreciated and Mexico's unemployment rate is decreasing. He remarked that Mexico was Idaho's largest exporter of agricultural products in 2009. He reported that exports decreased in 2010 due to the influence of Mexico's import tariffs and the decline was related to a transportation dispute within Mexico. Mr. Oreliana explained that oilseed, wheat and bean seed, apples, and animal feed are future opportunities for Idaho exports. He said that the Idaho-Mexico Trade office promotes Idaho exports through agricultural trade shows, presentations to various International trade committees, Spanish website, and the US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

Eddie Yen, Idaho-Asia Trade Office, reported that Taiwan's economy has declined in the past few years; still Asia remains the third largest exporter for Idaho's agricultural industry. He stated Taiwan's main Idaho exports are: fresh fruits and onions, beef and pork, and frozen potatoes. He explained that in the future Idaho's export opportunities will include the dairy industry and high protein manufacturing products. He also reported that the Idaho russet potato is Asia's number one major import. The Idaho-Asia Trade office advertises on Facebook, newsletters, menu promotions and a newly developed web site. He remarked that Asia's rapid population growth will bring positive results forIdaho's exports.

Xu Fang, Idaho-China Trade Office, reported for China's export market and their continuing growing economy. He explained China's increasing growth and commercialization is the main factor that drives the export market. He stated that demands for Idaho's food products is up seventy-five percent and that China is ranked fourth in the United States for exports. He said that the dairy products, feed, alfalfa hay, and frozen potatoes are China's main exports. Mr. Fang reported that China is currently promoting Idaho products through trade shows, databases, and Chinese language materials.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Trail
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AMENDED #1 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, February 22, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Bean Commission	Doug Carlquist Idaho Bean Commission
H 150	CAFO	Representative Stevenson
H 152	Dairy Products	Representative Vander Woude

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Tuesday, February 22, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	**Bob Naerebout,** Idaho Dairymen's Association; **Brent Olmstead**, Milk Producers of Idaho; **Jacob Olmstead**, Milk Producers of Idaho; **Mark Gehrke,** Intern.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Rep. Batt requested that the minutes for February 14, 2011, under **RS 20384** include the statement: Rep. Batt invoked House Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but she would be voting on the legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2011, meeting, with the following correction: **"Rep. Batt** invoked House Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that she would be voting on the legislation", which should be placed under the testimony of **RS 20384. By voice vote, the minutes were approved as corrected.**

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2011 meeting as written; **motion carried on voice vote.**

H 150: **Rep. Stevenson,** presented this legislation regarding Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO); he explained that this legislation provides authority to the counties to make a determination of a suitable CAFO site. He explained an application fee will be submitted at the time of the CAFO request. Rep Stevenson said the application would then be submitted to the Department of Agriculture for the site's suitability and approval.

Rep. Stevenson explained that an amendment has been drafted for **H 150 .** The purpose of the amendment is to provide an "exemption" from paying the site fee to applicants that are currently paying a brand inspection fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Patrick** moved to send **H 150** to **General Orders** with the proposed amendment; **Rep. Batt** seconded the motion. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Rep. Vander Woude, when presenting **H 152,** advised the committee he was invoking House Rule 38.

H 152: **Rep. Vander Woude,** explained that this legislation will provide guidelines and standards to the Dairy Industry. He stated it will also bring the industry's obsolete statutes up to date. He said this bill will regulate any oversights there may be when testing the milk products; and that the legislation provides provisions on how the producer will get paid.

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to send **H 152** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Diana Coldwell, Administrator for the Idaho Bean Commission explained that the Idaho Bean Commission has been serving the bean growers and dealers for fifty-four years. She said in the last four years there has been a decline in the bean industry due to the economy and a reduction in acres that produce beans. She reported that the Commission's main crops are dry bean and snap bean seed. She explained that the Commission is currently working with the University of Idaho to further the Commission's research with speciality beans for export. She stated there is a lot of interest in the organic bean market. She reported that the Commission's main focus is to expand their relationships with the Dominican Republic, Argentina, and Brazil to improve the Commission's export position.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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Representative Trail
Chair

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AMENDED #2 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, February 24, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Treasure Valley Agricultural Coalition	Candi Fitch Treasure Valley Agricultural Coalition
H 166	Right to Farm	Roger Batt Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association Dan Steenson, Ringert Law

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

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Bill Chisholm, Lee Harper, Mike Iler, Kathleen Tanaka, Idaho citizens; Robert Simerly, McCain Foods USA; Roger Batt, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association; Dan Steenson, Ringert Law; Jerry Scheid, Candi Fitch, Treasure Valley Agricultural Coalition; David Dixon, Greenleaf Farms; Shavone Hasse, Alma Hasse, Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment (ICARE); Rich Garber, University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; David Masters, citizen; Derek Vermeer, Vermer Farms; Ron Platt, Dennis Tanikuni, Kent Lauer, Idaho Farm Bureau; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Wyatt Prescott, Pete Wittman, Idaho Cattle Association; Benjamin Kelly, Idaho Hay and Forage Association and Nez Perce Prairie Grass Growers; Norm Semanko, Food Producers of Idaho; Mark Duffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Mark Gellings, Elizabeth Criner, Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho; Jerry Henggeler, Treasure Valley Agricultural Coalition; Ben Otto, Justin Huges, Claudia Haynes, Idaho Conservation League; Dar Olberding, Idaho Grain Producers Association; Barbara Jorden, Idaho Trail Lawyers Association.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011, meeting as written; **motion carried on voice vote.**

Candi Fitch,Treasure Valley Agricultural Coalition (TVAC); **Robert Simerly**, McCain Foods USA, and **Jerry Henggeler**, Henggeler Packing Company, gave a short report on the importance of agricultural research. **Ms. Fitch** stated that consolidation of personnel and management practices, establishing a new fee structure, and restructuring research grant proposals have been the main focus and consideration of the Coalition. **Mr. Simerly** stated that the University of Idaho and the Coalition have been working hard to develop research for the prevention of diseases in their crops. He commented that in this economy, protecting the University and the University's scientists is an important part to the success of the agricultural industry. **Mr. Henggeler** commented that research touches many different industries from employees to the trucking business and the tax and licensing fees.

H 166: **Roger Batt** , Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association, commented that the agriculture community is extremely important and vital to the survival of our population. He reported agriculture provides many economic benefits to local and state entities. He said this bill is intended to reduce the losses to the State's resources by limiting the circumstances under which agricultural operations may be deemed a nuisance. He reported that this legislation defines that the right to farm is a "natural right".

He explained that the current definitions of Idaho's Right to Farm Act are very broad. He explained that this legislation will not impair local government authority with planning and zoning, it will also not allow simple expansion, and is not a "dairy or CAFO" bill. He reported that this legislation will define and clarify the agricultural industry.

Dan Steenson, Ringert Law, explained that the Right to Farm Act is not intended to change the current statutes, but to define and strengthen Idaho's right to farm. He said that the Act will define an "agricultural facility" and provide protection from nuisance actions against an operation. He reported an amendment has been drafted to remove Section 22-4505, which deals with any legal nuisance actions taken against a facility. He explained that in regards to an expansion of a agricultural operation/facility; no operation shall become a nuisance (by any changed conditions) after it has been in operation for more than one year or was not deemed a nuisance at the time of construction.

Kathleen Tanaka, Bill Chisholm, Lee Halper, Mike Ihler, Shavon Hasse, ICARE; Alma Hasse, ICARE; David Masses, Ben Otto, Idaho Conservation League; Claudia Hayes, Jerry Scheid and Barbara Jordon, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, spoke in opposition of **H 166.** Points that were addressed included concerns regarding the expansion of agricultural facilities, the local ordinances, the construction expansions, noise, odors, dust, fumes caused by the agricultural industry, the processing and packaging products, the need for clean-up, the pollution and water issues; and Section 22-4505 with reference to Nuisance Actions.

Dave Dixon, Greenleaf Farms; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Benjamin Kelly, Idaho Hay and Forage Association/Nez Perce Prairie Grass Growers Association; Elizabeth Criner, Northwest Food Association; Norm Semanko, Food Producers of Idaho; Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho, spoke in favor of **H 166.** Points that were addressed by the testimony included; the legislation would protect the agricultural community and small business, also there is a need to protect farm land, Idaho's economy and exports.

Rep. Batt, Patrick, Lake, Andrus and Pence, invoked House Rule 38, stating a possible conflict of interest and indicated that they would be voting on legislation.

ORIGINAL MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** moved to **HOLD H 166** in the committee until March 2, 2011.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** offered a substitute motion to send **H 166** to **General Orders** with the proposed amendment deleting Line 9 on page 3, Attorney Fees. **Rep. Pence seconded the motion.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Chairman Trail** requested a **roll call vote** on the substitute motion: **motion failed, 3 aye and 8 nay. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Bolz, Pence, Lacey. Voting in opposition** to the motion; **Reps. Andrus, Lake, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Batt, Trail, Shirley. Rep. Stevenson** was absent and excused.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Trail** called for a vote on the original motion to **HOLD H 166** in committee. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

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

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Monday, February 28, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 151	Alfalfa and Clover Seed	Benjamin Kelly Alfalfa and Clover Seed Growers Association
	Idaho Beef Commission	Tracy O'Donnell Executive Director Idaho Beef Council
	Idaho Preferred Promotion Program	Leah Clark Idaho Department of Agriculture
	Large Dairy CAFO Files	Alma Hasse Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Enviornment (ICARE)

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 28, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Leah Clark, Laura Johnson, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Benjamin Kelly, Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Growers Assocaition; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Shavone Hasse, Alma Hasse, Dr. Jerry La Cave, Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment (ICARE); Traci O'Donnell, Idaho Beef Commission; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho; John Foster, Idaho Press Club; Courtney Washburn, Idaho Conservation League.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

H 151: **Benjamin Kelly** presented this bill for the Alfalfa and Clover Seed Growers Association. He said this legislation will update the statutes related to the operation of the Commission. He reported that this bill will clarify and streamline board appointed positions and establish that the Commission will be a self-governing agency.

MOTION: **Rep: Bolz** moved to send **H 151** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. Bolz** will sponsor the bill on floor.

Traci O'Donnell,Idaho Beef Council, reported 2010 has been an exciting and challenging year. She said that the consumer is still very conservative when it comes to purchasing beef. She stated that the Council has stepped up their marketing efforts to educate the younger generation, physicians and dieticians regarding the nutritional value of eating beef. She explained that a new "pop-up" timer has been developed for the use in prime beef products. She explained that the timer works the same way as the one found in poultry. She commented that the Council's marketing efforts and partnership with the Idaho Food Bank have been very successful in spreading good will.

Leah Clark, Idaho Department of Agriculture, gave a presentation on the Idaho Preferred Program. She said the Program's mission is to promote the quality and diversity of Idaho food and agriculture products. She reported that the Idaho Preferred Program's membership consists of the food, wine, and nursery producers and retailers, grocery retailers and distributors, farmer's markets, and restaurants. She commented that the TV spots featuring "speciality crops", radio ads and the Farm to School Program were the highlights in 2010.

Shavone Hasse, Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment (ICARE), gave a report on large CAFO files.She reported that the ICARE organization encourages sustainable alternatives to Concentrated Animal Feeding Operatios (CAFO's). With this presentation, she hoped to shed some light on the unhealthy living conditions that CAFO neighbors deal with everyday. She commented that ICARE is mainly interested in the large CAFO operations in Idaho. She explained that ICARE is concerned with the ground water, air pollution and the lack of local, state and federal authoritative enforcement of the statutes. She remarked that

ICARE's proposed solutions include: strengthen Idaho's ground water laws, restore funding for water monitoring, implement water testing standards and provide audits of large CAFO operations through legislation.

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

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Representative Trail Chair	Diane Tolley Secretary

AGENDA Amended #1

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Upon Adjournment of the House
Room EW20
Wednesday, March 02, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 210	Right to Farm	Roger Batt Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association Dan Stgenson, Ringert Law
SCR 103	The Year of Idaho Food Resolution	Janie Burns/Owner Meadowlark Farm
S 1055	Idaho Department of Agricultural Market News Service	Laura Johnson Idaho Department of Agriculture
	USDA Farm Service Agency	Dick Rush ASDA Farm Service Agency
	College of Agricultural Extension	Charlotte Eberlein University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, March 02, 2011
TIME:	Upon Adjournment of the House
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Laura Johnson, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Jessica Barrie, Intern; Candy Moore, Dick Rush, United States Department of Agriculture-Farm Service Agency; Janie Burns, Meadowlark Farm; Benjamin Kelly, Idaho Hay and Forage Association; Norm Semanko, Food Producers of Idaho; Courtney Washburn, Idaho Conservation League; Dennis Tanikuni, Steve Ballard, Idaho Farm Bureau; Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho; Barbara Jordan, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association; Roger Batt, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Asssociation; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

H 210: **Roger Batt,** Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association, presented this legislation regarding the Right to Farm. He said this bill is intended to reduce the losses to the State's resources by limiting the circumstances under which agriculture operations may be deemed a nuisance. He reported that this legislation defines that the right to farm is a "natural right". He explained that the current definitions of Idaho's Right to Farm Act are very broad. He explained that this legislation will not impair local government authority with planning and zoning, and it will not allow simple expansion. He reported that this legislation will define and clarify the agricultural industry.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** moved to send **H 210** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Moyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 103: **Janie Burns**, Meadowlark Farm, presented this Resolution, which designates 2011 as the "Year of Idaho Food". Citizens are encouraged to celebrate and enjoy Idaho's agricultural products on September 5, 2011.

MOTION: **Rep. Lacey** moved to send **SCR 103** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote**. **Rep. Lacey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1055: **Laura Johnson**, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), presented this legislation regarding the elimination of state funding to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Market News Letter. She explained that this legislation will update Idaho Code to reflect that the Department will no longer support the market news service. She remarked that the USDA's Market News Letter is available on line.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to send **S 1055** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Bolz** will sponsor the bill on floor.

Dick Rush, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), reported that the Farm Service Agency has been in service for eighty years. He stated that the USDA is a unique agency that offers many benefits to the agriculture community. He reported that seventy-five percent of the USDA's budget is for food and nutritional programs, food stamps and free or reduced school lunches and breakfasts. He explained that the total number of farm operations in the United States is one percent of the US population. He said that commodity prices are at an all-time high with dairy, beef and potatoes topping the list. He remarked that farm subsidies are one-half percent of the federal government's budget. He explained that the USDA's farm home loan programs are noted for their low rates and reduced loan processing times.

Charlotte Eberlein, University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, gave a report for the University of Idaho's Extension office. She explained that the Extension's area of expertise is agriculture, natural resources, family and consumer sciences, youth development and community development. She said that the Extension's most recent research projects include, a "drip irrigation" program for onions, a beef quality assurance program and a diabetes program. She reported that the Extension has the largest youth development organization in the United States. She commented that the Extension's youth projects are hands-on life skills such as leadership, responsibility, healthy lifestyle choices, and communication. She said that a two year study conducted with teachers on student behaviors revealed 4-H youth are more likely to succeed in school. She commented that the 4-H youth are more involved as leaders and are more likely to help others in their community. She stated that the Extension relies heavily on their volunteers and partnerships to make their programs a success.

H 166 Per **Rep. Andrus's** motion of February 24, 2011, to hold H 166 in committee until March 2, 2011. **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **HOLD H 166** in committee. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Representative Trail Chair	Diane Tolley Secretary

AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, March 08, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS20379	Resolution for Domestic Cervidae	Rep. Andrus
H 206	Poultry	Rep. Stevenson
	Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association	Roger Batt Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association

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MINUTES

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 08, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Reps. Trail, Shirley, Patrick.

GUESTS: Doug Gross, Lorell Skogsberg, Steve A. Bateman, Tim Primus, Brad Chambers, Roger Batt, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association; Dennis Stevenson, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Mark Gehrke, Intern; Brain Oakey, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Wally Butler, Idaho Farm Bureau.

Vice Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Vice Chairman Andrus turned the meeting over to **Rep. Stevenson.**

RS 20379: **Rep. Andrus** explained that the legislation would replace two subsections in the Department of Agriculture's pending rules governing Domestic Cervidea.

After consultation with **Dennis Stevenson,** Administrative Rules Coordinator, acting **Chairman Stevenson** determined that **RS 20379** cannot be introduced in the Agricultural Affairs Committee, since it is a non-privileged committee. **Rep. Andrus** agreed to take **RS 20379** to a privileged committee for introduction.

Chairman Stevenson turned the meeting back to **Vice Chairman Andrus.**

H 206: **Rep. Stevenson** stated that this legislation will replace current and future oversights governing poultry operations with the Idaho Department of Agriculture. He explained that this legislation will define Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO's) in large poultry operations. He said that the legislation will address permits required, existing facilities, inspections and fees. He remarked that the legislation will provide authority to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to modify its existing rules and to make new rules regulating large swine operations. He explained that the Department of Environmental Quality should work closely with the Idaho Department of Agricultural when developing such rules. He stated that the legislation will provide for emergency provisions.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dariymen's Association and **Benjamin Kelly,** Food Producers of Idaho spoke in support of **H 206.**

MOTION: **Rep. Patrick** moved to send **H 206** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Stevenson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Tim Primus, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association, gave a presentation on vegetable seed. He reported that the Commission's membership is made up of fifty seed companies throughout Idaho. He said that with the growing population and limited farm land the Association is looking for new ideas to produce more food per acre. He stated that the top seeds produced in Idaho are dry beans, green beans, sweet corn and peas. He remarked that seventy to eighty percent of sweet corn seed that is produced in Idaho is used throughout the country. He said that worldwide there is a demand for vegetables, with dry beans as Idaho's number one export.

Doug Gross, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association, reported on field seed. He stated that alfalfa, clover seed and cereal grain seed are among the top seeds produced in Idaho. He explained that seventy-five percent of alfalfa seed is shipped outside of the state and that Idaho is the second largest producer in the Northwest. He commented that alfalfa hay is the fourth largest crop in the United States. He explained that the field seed industry is not without challenges in the areas of insect control, pollination, harvesting and packaging. He stated that the continued research and the support of the University of Idaho is a vital part of the industry's success.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Vice Chair

Diane Tolley
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AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, March 10, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Dairy Products Commission	Deana Sessions Idaho Dairy Products Commissiom
	Idaho Dairymen's Association	Bob Naerebout Idaho Dairymen's Association

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

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Reps. Trail, Batt, Boyle.

GUESTS: Mark Gehrke, Intern; Deana Sessions, Cheri Chase, Idaho Dairy Products Commission; Rick Naerebout, Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association.

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

Deana Sessions, Idaho Dairy Products Commission, reported that the dairy industry contributes to the financial stability of rural communities and benefits the State's economy. She reported that most Idaho dairy farms are family owned and many farms are multi-generational. She said that Idaho is ranked the second largest milk producing state in the western United States and ranks third in the nation. She said that the Magic Valley is the Commission's top producer of milk with nine billion pounds produced annually. She reported that Idaho is the third largest manufacturer of natural and processed cheese in the United States. She said that the Commission's commitment to state wide schools athletic and scholarships programs are very successful. She stated that the Commission has a joint venture with McDonalds to introduce new menu items using milk and cheese products to the public.

Cheri Chase, Idaho Dairy Products Commission, introduced the Commission's new "Fuel Up to Play 60" to address childhood obesity. She reported that today's youth are overweight and undernourished and there is a possibility they won't outlive their parents. She stated that obesity is a serious solvable problem and the Commission, along with the Commission's partners, are committed to helping in solve this issue. She explained that "Fuel up to Play 60" is designed to engage and empower youth to take action regarding their health. By implementing long-term, positive changes for themselves. She said that the Commission and partners have in-school nutritional and physical activity programs which provide tools and resources to implement healthy changes. She commented that the schools have increased access to nutrient-rich foods and sustained opportunities for physical activity. She remarked that both advisors and students are involved in planning healthy eating and physical activities for their school.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association, reported on the Dairy Industry. Mr. Naerebout said that the Association has been in business since 1944. He explained that in the past there has been an abundance of dairy operations in Idaho. He reported that currently the Commission has seen a reduction in dairy operations, while the amount of cows per operation has increased. He stated that the milk and cheese production in Idaho and the United States has reflected a huge increase. He said while there has been a demand for milk products, other factors such as high feed prices and a decrease in margins has caused hardships for some dairy operations.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Vice Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, March 16, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
SCR 101:	Aquatic Nuisance Species	Senator Corder
H 269:	Dairies Nutrient Management Plan	Representative Boyle
H 270:	Director of Idaho Department of Agricultural/Rulemaking	Representative Patrick
	Idaho Apple and Cherry Commission	Candi Fetch Idaho Apple and Cherry Commission
	Invasive Species	Amy Ferriter Idaho Department of Agriculture

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, March 16, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Candi Fitch, Idaho Apple Commission; Laura Johnson, Amy Ferriter, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Roger Batt, Food Processors of Idaho; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Courtney Washburn, Idaho Conservation League; Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho; Dan Steenson, Ringert Law; Jeremy Pisca, Newspapers Association of Idaho; Alma Hasse, Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Enviornment (ICARE); Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association; Wally Butler, Idaho Farm Bureau; Beth Markley, Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment (ICIE)..

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

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve minutes of February 24, 28, March 02, 08 and 10, 2011. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

SCR 101: **Senator Corder** stated this legislation is a resolution to raise awareness to sportsmen, government agencies, and manufacturers of the invasive species danger that "felt soles" impose to our lakes and streams. He stated that the legislation will call for voluntary alternate devices to be used.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to send **SCR 101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Anderson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 269: **Rep. Boyle** stated that this legislation provides that the nutrient management plan of a dairy farm and information generated as a result of such plan shall be treated as proprietary information, kept confidential and exempt from disclosure under Idaho's Public Writing Law; section 9-340D, Idaho code.

Courtney Washburn, Idaho Conservation League; **Alma Hasse**, Idaho Concerned Area Residents for the Environment (ICARE); **John Foster,** Idaho Press Club; spoke in opposition to **H 269**. Points that were addressed by the testimony included the public's right to know what is included in a nutrient management plan and the environmental impact of dairy operations and inspections.

Roger Batt, Food Producers of Idaho; **Brent Holmstead**, Milk Producers of Idaho; **Wally Butler**, Idaho Farm Bureau; **Bob Naerebout,** Idaho Dairymen's Association, spoke in favor of **H 269.** Points that were addressed by the testimony included Nutrient Management Plans describes farm practices that are designed to reduce nutrient discharges . They necessarily contain private, proprietary information regarding land use, farming and business practices that should not be public.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** moved to send **H 269** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Adnrus** spoke in **favor** of **H 269. Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 270: **Rep. Patrick** stated this legislation will provide clarity to identify and give notice to the public and Legislature when proposing rules that are more stringent than federal laws or regulate an activity not regulated by the federal government. He explained that this legislation requires the Idaho Department of Agriculture to utilize the best available science and studies when proposing new environmental rules for the protection of human health.

MOTION: **Rep. Shirley** moved to send **H 270** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Patrick** will sponser the bill on the floor.

Candi Fetch, Idaho Apple and Cherry Commission, stated that the Commission is made up of five members who are appointed by the Governor from names submitted to him. She explained there are three growers and two handler members. The Commission membership includes national, regional and local memberships. She remarked that the Commission participated in the Buy Idaho Show and they are members of Idaho Preferred. She reported that the Commission participated in the Women's Fitness Celebration providing apples for the finish line party and supports Cool School Cafe which is a partnership with Walmart Foods store. She reported that the Commission's growing season had isolated incidents of frost and hail that affected some areas negatively, but over all the growing season was positive. She remarked that the export market has been steady with exports going to Japan and Mexico.

Amy Ferriter, Idaho Department of Agriculture, updated the House Agriculture Committee on Invasive Species. She said that the Idaho Invasive Species program was designed to improve the coordination of activities throughout the state. She reported that the need for prevention of Zebra and Quagga Mussel in Idaho is a high priority. She commented that although the mussels are not established in Idaho's lakes and reservoirs at this time, they could leave a devastating impact on the State. She explained that mussels can colonize on hulls, engines and steering components of boats, other recreational equipment and can damage boat motors. She remarked that the mussels can block and threaten municipal water supply, agricultural irrigation and power plant operations. She said that Idaho watercraft inspectors throughout the state distribute packets, brochures and prevention stickers to educate the public. She reported that the Department's billboard campaign "Clean, Drain, Dry" will continue on major highways through the boating season.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Representative Trail Chair	Diane Tolley Secretary

AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, March 22, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Soil and Water Conservation Commission	Sara Schmidt Soil and Water Conservation Commission
	Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District	Bret Rumbeck Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District
	Feral Pigs	Brad Compton Idaho Department of Fish & Game Scott R. Stopak USDA/APHIS/Wildife Services Dr. bill Barton Idaho Department of Agriculture

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 22, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Reps. Lake, Batt.

GUESTS: Dr. Bill Barton, Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA); Mark Gehrke, Intern; Kent Lauer, Idaho Farm Bureau; Sara Schmidt, Bill Flory, Dwight Horsch, Dick Bronson, Roger Stutzman, Dave Radford, Soil and Water Conservation Commission; Bret Rumbeck, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District; Brad Compton, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG); Scott R. Stopak, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

Sara Schmidt, Soil and Water Conservation Commission, stated that the Commission provides leadership throughout the State. She explained that in the 2010 Legislative Session changes were made to instill accountability, transparency, communication and coordination within the Commission. She stated that the Commission has fifty Districts and two hundred eighty- two volunteers and supervisors. She explained that the Commission is responsible for water quality, timber and woodland, croplands, rangelands and animal waste and nutrient management programs. She remarked that the Commission and the Bureau of Reclamation have thirteen water saving projects in the Bear Lake and Franklin districts. She reported that the Commission has long-term, low interest loans available to provide for conservation projects.

Bret Rumbeck, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Commission, Gave a brief history on the creation of Idaho Conservation Association by Congress in 1935. He remarked that the Association has fifty individual conservation districts throughout the State. The Association's main focus is to strengthen the district's understanding of the problems that they faced their area. He explained that with the Association and District help, farmers have been able to reduce water runoff, minimize water loss, save energy and increase their crop yield. He said that the Association is involved with many youth projects including youth speech contests, hands-on workshops in wildlife, forestry, soil conservation, gardening and tractor safety. He commented that the Association is committed to be a unified voice for conservation in Idaho.

Dr. Bill Barton, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), stated that the ISDA has the authority to address agricultural diseases in Idaho. He explained that numerous swine diseases can harbor and spread to commercial swine, goats, cattle and dogs. He remarked that there are no known effective control measures for diseases in feral swine, other than eradication.

He said feral swine can cause substantial damage to agricultural crops and landscaping around homes. He said that feral swine can prey on livestock, particularly the young. He explained that the main diseases found in feral swine are swine fever, pseudo rabies and swine brucellosis.

Brad Compton, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). Reported that it is the duty of the of the IDFG to manage all state wildlife resources. He explained that there are twenty feral swine existing in the Bruneau River Valley. He said that feral swine cause damage to important wildlife habitat, including the spread of invasive weeds. He explained that feral swine may be harvested by any method (not prohibited by state or federal law) and that feral swine are considered unprotected "wildlife". He explained that the interest in recreational hunting of feral swine can intentionally and unintentionally spread the problem of unwanted feral swine in Idaho. He commented that the removal of small populations of swine is the best solution to end the feral swine and disease problem.

Scott R. Stopak, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, reported that there are five million feral swine in the United States, with known existence in thirty-nine states. He said that it is the USDA'S role to provide leadership and expertise in order to resolve wildlife conflicts so that people and wildlife may coexist. He reported that a feral swine can weigh up to four hundred pounds and can reproduce rapidly. He commented that the Southeast and Texas areas are heavily populated with feral swine. He explained that the USDA is doing everything they can to manage the feral swine population in the Bruneau River Valley. He explained that the Bruneau River area's difficult terrain and private property owners makes the removal of feral swine difficult. He remarked that with the USDA'S limited funding. They are dependent upon the support of multiple partners and cooperative agencies.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, March 24, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Wheat Commission	Blaine Jacobson Idaho Wheat Commission
	Chronic Wasting Disease in Wildlife	Dr. Phil Maner Fisheries Pathologist Supervisor Idaho Department of Fish & Game
S 1085	Domestic Cervidae	Representative Boyle

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DATE: Thursday, March 24, 2011

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

GUESTS: Dennis Radocha,Citizen; Bill Boyer, Citizen; R.D. Erb, Citizen; John Caywood, Citizen; Burk Mantel,Citizen; Byron Johnson, Citizen; Larry Ciejko, Citizen; Lloyd Oldenburg, Citizen; Roy Sternee, Black Canyon Elk; Brandon Eldredge, Early Morning Elk; David Miller, Miller Elk Farm; Jay Stark, Idaho Hunter Education; Grant Simonds, Idaho Outfitter and Guide Association; Jim Unsworgth, Citizen; Sharon Kiefer,Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Phil Mamer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Brian Oakley, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Bill Barton, Idaho Department of Agriculture; Robert Minter, Ada County Fish and Game League; Jim Nunley, Idaho Wildlife; Mark Bell, Idaho Sportsmen Caucus Advisory Council; John Robinson, Idaho Conservation League; Bert Mantell, Citizen.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Blaine Jacobson, Idaho Wheat Commission, stated that wheat is ranked as Idaho's second largest crop. He reported that half of Idaho's crop goes to domestic mills and customers. He commented that sixty percent of Idaho's production is grown on irrigated farmland and forty percent is grown on dry land. He stated rising costs of fuel and fertilization still play a part in the industry's profit. He remarked increasing rules and regulations make the growers of wheat less competitive. He said Japan is Idaho's largest export market and that the Commission doesn't expect a drop in imports from this area.

S 1085: **Rep. Boyle** presented **S 1085** and stated that in the state of Idaho approximately sixty-five hundred domestic cervidae reside. She explained this legislation will provide clarification for testing provisions of herds not certified and provide waivers for established herds regarding chronic wasting disease (CWD) sampling and submission. She stated that Idaho is currently free from chronic wasting disease. She reported that once a farm is certified, CWD sampling and inspections will be performed every thirty-six months to help reduce cost to the Idaho Department of Agriculture. She said that the annual fee for testing is five dollars per head due in January of each year which is deposited into a special fund. Rep. Boyle said that the cervidae obex sampling shall be based on no more than twenty percent of the certified herd. She remarked that any domestic cervidae herd that is not certified shall be governed by the Idaho Department of Agriculture rules and will continue to be tested at one hundred percent.

Dr. Mamer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, reported that CWD is a transmittable disease and has never been transmitted to a species other than elk, deer and moose. He stated that the aberrant of misfolded pion cell membrane protein causes brain dysfunction and other symptoms. He said that death always occurs with CWD and there is no treatment or vaccine available.

Sharon Keifer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, remarked that the Idaho Deparmtent of Fish and Game has a responsibility to protect wild elk from disease and genetic impurities. She stated that not all domestic cervidae operations post the same risk to the elk industry. She reported that reduced sampling is reasonable for some domestic herds not located in areas important to wild cervidae. She commented that the Commission is monitoring this legislation and neither supports or opposes **S 1085.**

Dr. Barton, Idaho Department of Agriculture, reported that the domestic cervidae that are imported from other states are tested before entering Idaho. He remarked that the Department can verify the origination locations of these animals. He stated that the Department was involved in this legislation to protect wild and domestic cervidae.

Brian Oakley, Idaho Department of Agriculture, explained that the Department has outlined a program to be used if there is a need to quarantine domestic cervidae for CWD disease. He reported that the cervidae herd would be the liability of the State if tested positive for CWD and the growers would be responsible. He commented that the five dollar fee will increase the Department's revenue and that the Department is committed to do whatever is needed to abide by the rules and protect Idaho.

Dennis Radoeha, Citizen; **Mark Bell,** Idaho Sportsman Caucus Advisory Council; **Bill Boyer,** Citizen; **Jim Unsworgth,** Idaho Department of Fish and Game; **John Robinson,** Idaho Conservation League; **John Caywood**, Citizen; **Bert Mantell,** Citizen; **Lloyd Oldenburg,** Citizen; **Byron Johnson,** Citizen; **Robert Minter,** Ada County Fish and Game; **Larry Ciejka,** Citizen; **Grant Simonds,** Idaho Outfitters and Guide Association; spoke in opposition to **S 1085.** Points that were addressed included concerns regarding CWD being introduced into Idaho, protecting Idaho's big game herds, the irreparable damage of the disease and the genetic damage that CWD can bring, CWD transmission from state to state, CWD contaminating our land, the language used in the legislation, the concern for only testing twenty percent of the domestic cervidae herd every three years, allowing domesticated wildlife and permitting native wildlife to be regulated under agricultural law, fee being to low to support the program, millions of dollars lost in revenue for the state.

Brandon Eldredge, Early Morning Elk; **David Miller,** Miller Elk Farm; **Roy Sternee,** Black Canyon Elk, and **Senator Siddoway,** spoke in favor of **S 1085.** Points that were addressed by the testimony included; that the big operations (shooter bull operations) will continue to test one hundred percent, the larger operations will never qualify to be certificated, ingress and egress of smaller certified herds is not a threat.

MOTION: **Rep. Stevenson** moved to send **S 1143** to **General Orders** with amendments; **Shirley** seconded the motion. **Rep. Andrus** spoke in favor of the motion. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Patrick** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
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AMENDED #1 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Monday, March 28, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1144:	Animal Care	Senator Brackett
	Range Management (Tentative)	Wally Butler Idaho Farm Bureau

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, March 28, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Rep. Boyle
GUESTS:	Stan Boyd, Idaho Wool Growers Association and Idaho Cattle Association; Wally Butler, Idaho Farm Bureau; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Karen Balch, DVM, North Fork Veterinary Clinic; Olin Bald, DVM, North Fork Veterinary Clinic.

Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2011. **Motion carried on voice vote.**

S 1144: **Senator Brackett** presented **S 1144** relating to animals. He stated that this legislation clarifies that the Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will be responsible for production animals and that the local enforcement agencies will be responsible for domestic animals. He reported that this legislation revises the meaning of production animals. He remarked that this legislation is very narrow and does not address misdemeanor or felony penalties.

Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; **Wally Butler**, Idaho Farm Bureau; **Stan Boyd,** Idaho Cattle Association, spoke in favor of **S 1144.**

Olin Bald, DVM, North Fork Veterinary Clinic; **Karen Balch,** DVM, North Fork Veterinary Clinic; spoke in opposition to **S 1144.** Points that were addressed included concerns regarding the need for harsher penalties, both ISDA and the local authority should be available for rescue. Horses and herd dogs should not be considered production animals.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** moved to send **S 1144** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Patrick** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Wally Butler, Idaho Farm Bureau, reported on the Murphy Complex fire that burned six hundred and fifty thousand acres of rangeland. He explained that the bush components remained after the fire and that reseeding of the area was accomplished by plane. He commented that there are twenty-one different species of sage brush in Idaho. He reported that the forest lands are managed by three different regions throughout the State. He explained that a land lease fee is charged to the rancher for grazing purposes and how the collected fee benefits the endowment fund.

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

Representative Trail
Chair

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AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, March 30, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1143:	Relating to Dogs	Senator Corder

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, March 30, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	None
GUESTS:	Hannah Parpart, Idaho Humane Society; Wyoma Clouss, Idaho Dog Coalition; Stan Boyd, Idaho Wool Growers Association.
	Chairman Trail called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
MOTION:	**Rep. Lacey** moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2011. **Motion carried on voice vote.**
S 1143:	**Senator Corder** presented **S 1143** and stated that this legislation addresses dog "behavior" rather than breed. He said that the legislation will give the court more latitude and discretion in managing dangerous dog issues. He explained that misdemeanor penalties are introduced and that some sections of the Idaho Code have been updated to provide statewide standards and definitions.
	Stan Boyd, Idaho Wool Growers Association; **Hannah Parpart**, Idaho Humane Society; and **Wyoma Clouss,** Idaho Dog Coalition, spoke in favor of **S 1143.** Points that were addressed by testimony included the clarification and classification of dogs and the responsibility of dog owners.
MOTION:	**Rep. Lacey** moved to send **S 1143** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
SUBSTITUTE MOTION:	**Rep. Andrus** offered a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1143** in committee.
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:	**Rep. Lake** offered an amended substitute motion to send **S 1143 to General Orders** with committee amendments attached. **Rep. Stevenson** seconded the motion.
VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:	**Chairman Trail** called for a vote on the amended substitute motion to send **S 1143** to **General Orders** with committee amendments attached, **motion carried on voice vote. Rep. Lake** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
ADJOURN:	There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Representative Trail
Chair

Diane Tolley
Secretary

AMENDED #1 AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW20
Monday, April 04, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1199:	Cooperative Marketing Associations	Senator Hill

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, April 04, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M.
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Chairman Trail, Representative Boyle
GUESTS:	Mark Duffin, Idaho Sugarbeet Growers; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Rick Waitley, Idaho Coop Council.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday, March 28, 2011. By a **voice vote** the **motion carried**.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, March 30, 2011. By a **voice vote** the **motion carried**.

S 1199: **Sen. Hill** said this bill is an amendment to the Idaho Competition Act which was put together in 2000. He said this is the state equivalent of the federal Anti Trust Law. He said there are certain activities exempt from competitive actions and these activities can fall into two categories. Sen. Hill said if these certain activities are exempt from the federal law they should also be exempt in the state. Sen. Hill reviewed the changes and additions in the bill and clarified the exemptions.

MOTION: **Rep. Batt** made a motion to send **S 1199** to the floor with a do pass recommendation. By a **voice vote** the **motion carried**. **Rep. Stevenson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Vice Chairman

Susan Werlinger
Secretary

AGENDA

HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW20
Wednesday, April 06, 2011

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Approval of Minutes	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE:	Wednesday, April 06, 2011
TIME:	1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment
PLACE:	Room EW20
MEMBERS:	Chairman Trail, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, Boyle, McMillan, Takasugi (Batt), Pence, Lacey
ABSENT/ EXCUSED:	Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Boyle
GUESTS:	None.
	A quorum being present, **Chairman Trail** called the meeting to order at 11:53 a.m.
MOTION:	**Rep. Bolz** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday, April 4, 2011. By a **voice vote** the **motion carried**.
ADJOURN:	There being to further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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Representative Trail
Chair

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Susan Werlinger
Secretary