

MINUTES  
**SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 10, 2013  
**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room WW53  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bair, Vice Chairman Guthrie, Senators Brackett, Tippetts, Nonini, Patrick, Durst, Buckner-Webb  
**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Rice  
**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENE:** **Chairman Bair** called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**Chairman Bair** welcomed everyone to the first Agricultural Affairs Committee meeting. He announced the Committee Members, and all Senators, are invited to attend the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) annual briefing and breakfast at the ISDA office next Tuesday, January 15th, in place of the regularly scheduled Agricultural Affairs Committee meeting. An invitation is in each Committee Member's folder. **Chairman Bair** asked that the Committee Members RSVP to Secretary Denise by Friday, January 11, 2013.

**Chairman Bair** introduced **Denise McNeil**, the Committee Secretary; **Ivy Christopherson**, the Committee Page; and **Dahlia Berreth**, the Committee Intern; and asked each to give a short biography on their background. **Chairman Bair** let the Committee Members know that the Committee Intern would be available for any research or special projects they may need.

**Chairman Bair** asked each Committee Member to introduce themselves and give a short biography on their background.

**PASSING THE GAVEL:** **Chairman Bair** passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Guthrie** to discuss the Rules proposal process and the Rules he assigned to each Committee Member. He pointed out that the summary list of Rules included a spreadsheet from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture which listed the presenters scheduled to present the proposed Rules. Any questions the Committee Members might have regarding any of the Rules, and specifically their assignments, could be answered by that contact person. He encouraged the Committee Members to let him know if they had any special interest in a particular Rule or no interest in an assigned Rule and they could discuss possible changes. **Vice Chairman Guthrie** and the Secretary will work on the agendas for the presentations and discussion of these Rules at the January 17th and 22nd meetings. With no questions from the Committee, **Vice Chairman Guthrie** passed the gavel back to **Chairman Bair**.

**Chairman Bair** next introduced Lobbyist **Brent Olmstead**, of MPIIdaho, LLC. He touched on two important issues they are watching: the dairy bankruptcy case and appeal, and the Commercial Feed Rule. **Matthew May** from the Idaho Sportsman Caucus Advisory Council declined to address the Committee.

**ADJOURN:** There being no more business or questions, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m. until Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 8:00 a.m.

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Senator Bair  
Chairman

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Denise McNeil  
Secretary