

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 22, 2015

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. VanOrden

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Representative Andrus  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary