

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 06, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Erpelding

GUESTS: Cody Burlile, Brand Board; Brandy Kay, Sheep and Goat Board
Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

H 60: **Rep. Raybould** stated this legislation aligns Idaho's cooperative marketing association statute with existing Capper-Volstead provisions by adding a "one man, one vote" membership option. This change ensures Idaho's statute is not more restrictive than federal law.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 60** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

MOTION: **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Boyle asked **Rep. Raymond** to report the subcommittee recommendations to the full committee.
Rep. Raymond thanked the members of the subcommittee and the subcommittee secretary, **Shellie Coates** for their hard work.

MOTION: **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the **Raymond Subcommittee** meeting of January 14, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of the **Raymond Subcommittee** meeting of January 15, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0408-1801** to the full committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0408-1801.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0409-1801** to the full committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0409-1801.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0413-1801** to the full committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0413-1801.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0429-1801** to the full committee.

MOTION: Rep. Goesling made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0429-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0801-1801** to the full committee.

MOTION: Rep. Nichols made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0801-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 11-0201-1801** to the full committee.

MOTION: Rep. Toone made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0201-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Brandy Kay, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, reported there are more than 230,000 breeding sheep and market lambs in Idaho. She explained lamb is a very flavorful and nutrient rich lean meat. Ms. Kay said they do not use hormones in their sheep and noted the mono saturated fat found in lamb is the same as that found in olive oil. She stated 1,600,000 pounds of wool was produced this year in Idaho making it 7th in the nation for both wool production and sheep ownership. She explained the health benefits of sheering sheep, allowing them to better regulate their body temperatures. She reported on the various ways wool is used today in athletic clothing as it repels moisture away from the skin because wool fiber is hollow.

In response to a committee question **Ms. Kay** stated the young sheep ranchers are very hopeful for the future of the industry. She noted the larger flocks may be shrinking but smaller herds are increasing. Ms. Kay indicated prices were lower this year compared to last year but the price of wool was up this year balancing that out.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kay** reported since wolves were reintroduced the labor cost have increased per band of sheep as well as the number of dogs needed per band.

Ms. Kay, in response to a committee question, said the Idaho Ram Sale includes rams from other states averaging about \$500.00 per ram with pure bred rams going for much higher.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kay** stated the importance of the sheep experiment station and the role it plays in research concerning sage grouse and big horn sheep.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary