

MINUTES
SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Nichols, Senators Foreman, Hart (Vander Feer), Carlson, Zuiderveld, Semmelroth, and Taylor

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Schroeder

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CONVENED: **Chairman Hartgen** called the meeting of the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

WELCOME: **Chairman Hartgen** welcomed all to the Committee.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Hartgen passed the gavel to Vice Chair Nichols.

Vice Chair Nichols informed the Committee they would vote on the rules. If any Senator needed clarification they would be discussed.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Carlson** informed the Committee she needed clarification on **Docket No. 02-0415-2201, Rules Governing Beef Cattle Animal Feeding Operations (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Mr. Lloyd Knight**, Rules Review Officer, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), advised Dr. Scott Liebsle would clarify the rule for the Committee.

Dr. Scott Liebsle, Administrator, Division of Animal Industries (ISDA), State Veterinarian, explained the majority of changes incorporated a second option for beef producers. They could choose between the Phosphorus Threshold Method or the Phosphorus Indexing Method to manage nutrients produced on their facility. In the past they had only the Phosphorus Threshold Option.

DOCKET NO. 02-0104-2201 **Rules Governing the Voluntary Idaho Preferred Promotion Program (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Temporary and Proposed Rule.**

MOTION: **Senator Semmelroth** moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0104-2201. Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0202-2201 **Rules Governing Apple Grading and Storage (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.**

MOTION: **Senator Carlson** moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0202-2201. Senator Zuiderveld** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0404-2201 **Rules for Artificial Dairy Products (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.**

MOTION: **Senator Taylor** moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0404-2201. Senator Zuiderveld** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0415-2201 **Rules Governing Beef Cattle Animal Feeding Operations (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.**

MOTION: Senator Zuiderveld moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0415-2201**. Senator Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0417-2201 Rules Governing Dead Animal Movement and Disposal (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.

MOTION: Senator Zuiderveld moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0417-2201**. Senator Carlson seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0425-2201 Rules Governing Private Feeding of Big Game Animals (Chapter Repeal) - Proposed Rule.

MOTION: Senator Taylor moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0425-2201**. Senator Semmelroth seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0429-2201 Rules Governing Trichomoniasis (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.

MOTION: Senator Semmelroth moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0429-2201**. Senator Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0602-2201 Rules Governing Registration and Licenses (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.

MOTION: Senator Zuiderveld moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0602-2201**. Senator Foreman seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0605-2201 Rules Governing Plant Disease and Quarantines (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule.

MOTION: Senator Taylor moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0605-2201**. Senator Semmelroth seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0633-2201 Organic Food Products Rules (Fee Rule) - Temporary and Proposed.

MOTION: Senator Carlson moved to approve **Docket No. 02-0633-2201**. Senator Zuiderveld seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chair Nichols passed the gavel back to Chairman Hartgen.

PRESENTER: **Dr. Garth Taylor**, University of Idaho, Department of Agriculture - Economics, detailed the financial conditions of Idaho in 2022. The largest industry in Idaho was Agribusiness. Farming was growing and exporting was bringing new dollars into the economy, 3.8 billion in 2021. **Dr. Taylor** cited the number one export commodity from the State of Idaho was agriculture. Included were potatoes, dairy and wheat. He mentioned Idaho 2022 Net Farm Income was up 56 percent. Employment in Idaho was directly or indirectly created by farming. Cash receipts in Idaho were up 11 billion in 2022, largely due to prices. In short, global conditions were going to determine the health of Idaho's agricultural inflation. The reduction in quantity was far offset by the increase in prices. (Attachment 1)

DISCUSSION: **Senator Taylor** inquired about the 11 billion dollar increase, the largest in 20 years, was it due to production or prices. **Dr. Taylor** indicated it was due to increased prices.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Hartgen** adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Senator Hartgen
Chair

Melissa Price
Secretary