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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1249

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-25-2001

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1	A		1032 TO 3781
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward Elyson</i>			

Minutes:

1A:1032; CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: We will open the hearing on HB 1249.

JIM BOEHM: For the record, my name is Representative Jim Boehm: I represent District 31. I am interdicting HB 1249 which would provide funding for the animal board of health to assist in the control of Johne's disease, which is spreading across the state and threatening the cattle industry in the state. This has become a very serious problem and must be addressed voluntarily or I will assure you it will be mandatory by certain groups which are not friendly to the dairy and cattle industry. Members of the Committee. I hope you will act favorably on the Bill. That's all I have for now.

1A:1169 LARRY SCHULER, DVM Chairman Nicholas and members of the committee.

My name is Larry Schuler, Prepared text follows and is attached to the minutes.

1A:1626 CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Larry is this what is know as mad cow disease or is this something different. Larry stated, yes this is different. Johnne's is a bacterial disease in the same class as T.B. Representative Froelich asked where are we going with this disease? How are you going to test for it.

1A:1674: Dr Schuler: Johnne's is a insidious disease that can be in your heard for three to five years before you even realize it before you see any clinical signs. The potential for infecting the rest of your heard is there without even realizing it until it is there in your heard. Johnne's disease is spread through manure, the other common way is from cow to calf through milk. The other way of spreading the disease is when the calf is still in the uterous of the cow.

1A:1885 CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Anyone else wishing to testify.

NATHAN BOEHRM: Chairman Nicholas and committee members. I am here representing the State Board of Animal Health. Prepared testimony follows and is attached to these minutes. At the end of the testimony it was asked that Chairman Nicholas and committee PASS THE BILL HB 1249.

1A:2152 REPRESENTATIVE MUELLER: One of the critical issues here is a public perception problem is the connection or potential connection between Johnne's disease and Cronos disease. Are you aware of what is doing in research do we find that to be true or dispel that rumor.

1A:2275;DR SCHULLER: The group that Dr. Schuller talks about is Tara. There doing everything possible to get this connection out there so that people will know that it is there.

1A:2330: REPRESENTATIVE MUELLER: Where are we going to get some real scientific

data and is that process ongoing as far as you know?

DR SCHULLER: There is that work going on. There trying to link T.B. and Johne's disease together with DNA testing. These test are expensive. Research money is not always always available.

DUG DUKART: Along with my wife and son we operate a dairy of 88 cows, along with a cow calf operation of 130 beef cows and small grains for feed in Dunn County. I offering testimony in support of the BILL. The first time that Dr Schuller gave me a packet of information which was pretty significant. When reading about it and knowing nothing about it raises a great deal of fear. I sell a lot of my cattle into other herds. Our local veterinarian is a good veterinarian but he is lacking knowledge on Johne's disease. The educational part of the bill for veterinarians education is greatly needed. We had our cows tested. We tested 177 head of cattle. The cost per cow was \$7.63 for the testing. I had one positive for dairy and one for beef cow. It will take four years before I know whether any more of my cows are infected. It is the unknown that is bothersome. Every predictor is in fear of the testing. I feel that the producer and the veterinarian are going to have to hold the price down so that there is more money for research. Any questions.

1A:3195: REPRESENTATIVE RENNER: What was the body condition of your cows that tested positive.

DUG DUKART: Like I said earlier. Neither of the cows showed any outward appearance of being Johne's positive. We see a picture sometimes. They have that dairy cow all bones and so forth. No, these cows were in good condition. One was a seven year old cow and the other was a ten year old cow. That's the way the disease works.

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DR SCHULER: We have what we call the alizer test, it is a blood test, and the sensitivity of that test is kind of shaky. It is about forty percent sensitive. You only find about forth percent of the positive animals. You can't base a lot of information just one heard test. We base the test on the heard test. That means we test 30 animals of one heard. We use more then one test.

1a:3436: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other questions.

1A:NANCY KOPP: Asked that the committee support the bill.

1A:3714 CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other questions. Any other persons wanting to make comments in support of this Bill. Anyone wishing to appear in opposition of this HB1249. We will now close the hearing on HB 1249.

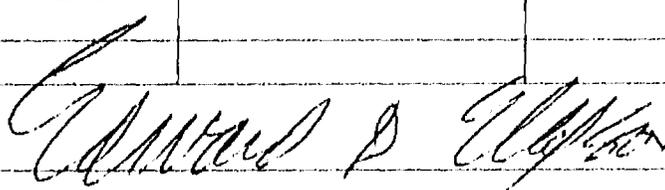
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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1249

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-26-2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
A	A		5685 TO 6160
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

1A: 5685 REPRESENTATIVE NICHOLAS: Thank you fellows. Lets consider that last one. Mr. Renner, I move a DO PASS. seconded by Rep. Mueller on HB 1249

It has been moved and seconded. The clerk will take the roll on 1249 for a rereferral to

Appropriations. The total tally is 13 yes's and two Absent and no No's That will be rerefereed to Appropriations. Closed.

Date: _____
Roll Call Vote #: _____

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. AB 1155

House AGRICULTURE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By REP. NICHOLAS Seconded By _____

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chairman			Rod Froelich		
Dennis E. Johnson - Vice Chairman			Doug Lemieux		
Rick Berg			Philip Mueller		
Michael Brandenburg	✓		Kenton Onstad		
Joyce Kingsbury			Sally M. Slandvig		
Myron Koppang	✓		Dennis J. Renner		
Edward H. Lloyd	✓		Dwight Wrangham		
Bill Pietsch					

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent 2

Floor Assignment REP. NICHOLAS

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2001 1:25 p.m.

Module No: HR-13-1738
Carrier: Nicholas
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1249: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the Appropriations Committee (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1249 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

2001 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB1249**

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **February 14, 2001**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0 - 1107
Committee Clerk Signature <i>J. O. O. O. O.</i>			

Minutes:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING ON HB1249

Rep. Boehm: I am introducing HB1249 which provides funding to the Board of Animal Health to assist in the control of Johnes's disease, it is a disease which is spreading across the state and the country but is prevalent in the south and is moving more north due inter shipment of cattle. It has become a very serious problem and must be addressed voluntarily because there are groups out there animal life group people that are going to make this mandatory if we don't take care of this problem. I sort of refer to the disease that is happening in Europe, the Mad Cow disease. So I think we need to take care of this problem and to let farmers and ranchers know that this is a potential problem, and the way I would like to see it addressed is by educating our veterinarians so when they go out to check cattle that have the potential of this disease that they get them tested and some kind of assistance in helping with that. The State Veterinarian is going to explain

the disease and how its spread and the amount of money that was requested and how its going to be spent. So I think it would be best to hold the questions until his testimony is given.

Larry Schuler, State Veterinarian. (Followed written testimony)

Rep. Timm: You wouldn't be doing the testing? You will be providing the money to the producers to go out and voluntarily get some local veterinarian to do the testing then?

Schuler: That is correct. To get into the program does not require a whole herd test, it only requires the test 30 animals which will give some kind of statistical number which will indicate if it is present in the herd.

Rep. Timm: I heard someplace that someone made a statement that had some cattle that they said that they wouldn't have this test done because they didn't want to find out that information.

Rep. Guleson: By eradicating your talking about those animals that have to be eliminated from the herd and disposed of, there is no inoculation that's available as yet?

Schuler: There is no treatment or vaccination for johne's disease.

Rep. Warner: It is a little bit ironic in that the very first bill that I carried, my very first session, was the bill on johne's disease, which eliminated the reporting requirement for the state. I have always had a great interest in cattle diarrhea. Do you anticipate that at some point in the future we are going to be requiring an indemnity program, that it will be a policy of the state to eliminate this disease completely from our state herds and that we would indemnify owners who would destroy their cattle.

Schuler: At this point in time producers want it to be a voluntary program so they want to participate and take the action themselves. There are some groups nationally that are trying to make it a national eradication program, and if that were the case then the USDA or Federal

Government would have to come up with some money for indemnity. It would be the state's discretion whether they wanted to come up with indemnity later on.

Rep. Glasshelm: How is the animal health board funded, is there any participation by the people you work with, or by the farmers or ranchers, or is it all state money?

Schuler: The board of animal health is funded by general fund dollars from the state.

Rep. Glasshelm: Is there any danger for consumers if these animals with the disease are not taken down.

Schuler: At this point in time there has never been a proven link, its just that some people suspect there is a link. We have been able to isolate the johne's organism from some milk and from some meat of infected animals, but adequate cooking and pasteurization is believed to take care of it.

Rep. Timm: Any other questions? Any other testimony in support of HB1249? Do you anticipate if this program gets going that additional funding will be requested next biennium?

Schuler: At this point in time the money is a request as an incentive to get the program started in the state. I don't know if there will be a request next time or not.

Rep. Timm: Anybody in opposition to HB1249? The hearing on HB1249 will be closed.

END OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING ON HB1249.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1249A

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 14, 2001

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1	x		1538 - 2118
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Z. Danberg</i>			

Minutes:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION ON HB1249A.

Rep. Timm: What is the committee's wishes on HB1249? In connection with John's disease.

Rep. Kempenich: Moves a DO PASS. Seconded by Rep. Koppleman.

Rep. Timm: Do you want to give your reason for a do pass on this bill.

Rep. Kempenich: I think its something compared to "Mad Cow " disease found in Europe, and it you don't stay proactive on things like this they have a tendency to get away from you and the livestock industry is fairly large in the state and I think it behooves us to try to stay ahead of these types of problems, and I think this would be a small investment to stay ahead of this problem.

Rep. Timm: Any other discussion? Roll call vote for DO PASS on HB1249. (17) YES (1) NO (3) Absent and not voting. Motion passes. Rep. Boehm will carry the bill on the floor.

End Committee action on HB1249

