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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
HB 2177

May 24, 1995 Hearing Room H170
1:00 PM Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Lynn Lundquist, Chair
Sen. Brenda Brecke
Sen. Tom Hartung
Sen. Bob Kintigh
Rep. Larry Sowa
Rep. Larry Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Mark Bauer, Administrator
Sandy Ceballos, Assistant

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks

report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings,
please refer to the tapes.

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004 CHAIR LUNDQUIST: Calls the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M. and opens the
work session on HB 2177 B.

HB 2177 B - WORK SESSION

006 MARK BAUER, Committee Administrator: Summarizes the provisions of the
bill and explains the differences in the House and Senate versions (EXHIBIT

A).

016 CHAIR LUNDQUIST: We have a simple procedure, the discussion evolves
around whether we have a two year sunset or a four year sunset, recognizing

that the original bill was to repeal the sunset completely. Chair is open
to suggestions.

020 MOTION: SEN. KINTIGH moves the Senate recede from the Senate amendments
dated May 15, 1995, and that the HB 2177 A engrossed bill be repassed.

023 REP. HARTUNG: Would agree with that even though he was the one that
made the motion to amend the bill in the Senate. His primary concern
initially was that it seemed that they should have complete agreement
amongst the veterinarians on the private and state side, but of utmost
importance is assurance that the department is doing everything possible to

improve service and cut costs. He wants to get rid of fees and

regulations. Has done some further checking since the Senate action and is convinced that they're moving in that direction. Agrees with the motion.

032 REP. SOWA: Gives his reasoning for supporting the original bill and would oppose going with the House version. Explains that the original bill was passed for a two year period, six years ago. It's for a program by the Department of Agriculture that does not come close to matching the fee that is paid for it. Most of the fees are on drugs that are to be used in small animal medicine and not large animal medicine. The department has no program for inspection or disease control for small animals.

047 CHAIR LUNDQUIST: Point of clarification. The original bill repealed the sunset not the program.

049 SEN. KINTIGH: He and SEN. HARTUNG sent a letter to the Chairman of the Board of the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Andrews the Director, encouraging them to take a look at this program and make things as efficient and cost effective as possible.

056 REP. WELLS: States he originally proposed the four year sunset. He felt they had the votes in the original committee to pass the bill that came to them which would have eliminated the sunset, but because of the concerns of the veterinarians he felt that it was a conciliatory move to put in a four year sunset. Hopes eventually to fund this program from general fund revenues.

070 VOTE: In a roll call vote, the motion CARRIES with a majority of 5 AYE,
1 NO (REP. SOWA).

075 CHAIR LUNDQUIST: ADJOURNS the meeting at 1:17 PM.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Sandy Ceballos Mark Bauer
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - HB 2177 B, Conference Committee Measure Summary, staff, 1 pg.