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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES

March 7, 1991                      Hearing Room F 8:15 A.M.                      State Capitol Tape  
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MEMBERS PRESENT: REP. WALT SCHROEDER, Chair REP. LIZ VANLEEUWEN,  
Vice-Chair REP. SAM DOMINY REP. BILL DWYER REP. TIM JOSI REP. JOHN MEEK  
REP. CHUCK NORRIS

STAFF PRESENT:                      BETH PATRINO, Administrator EDWARD C. KLEIN,  
Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2278 - WORK SESSION HB 2328 - WORK SESSION HB  
2329 - WORK SESSION HB 2330 - WORK SESSION HB 2322 - WORK SESSION

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TAPE 37, SIDE A

003 CHAIR SCHROEDER: Calls the meeting to order at 8:14 A.M.

-He refers to a Joint Memorial that was to be introduced by REP. MEEK (EXHIBIT A), but Legislative Counsel lost it.

009 REP. MEEK: Has talked to the members. I requested the Chair get permission from the Speaker to introduce it as a committee bill.

-When we have a hearing on it there are some changes to be discussed.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: SPEAKER CAMPBELL indicated that under the circumstances he would approve it as a committee bill.

-He understands REP. DWYER has some concerns.

017 REP. DWYER: As long as it is it's indicated that it's at the request of the Farm Bureau.

REP. MEEK: At is at the request of the Farm Bureau.

REP. DWYER: He has no objections under those conditions.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Hearing no objection the bill will be drafted as a committee bill.

025 BETH PATRINO: We will have to put this on the next agenda as an item of discussion.

029 REP. VANLEEUEWEN: We don't have to put this on the next agenda, do we?

BETH PATRINO: Generally, you put it on the agenda as an item of discussion. She will double check.

WORK SESSION ON HOUSE BILL 2278 -- EXHIBIT B

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Opens the Work Session on HB 2278.

038 BETH PATRINO: Describes the bill and the amendments (EXHIBIT B).

-The amendment changes the cap for the retailer's license fee to \$11 and the cap for the wholesaler's license fee to \$110.

046 MOTION: REP. DWYER: Moves to adopt HB 2278-1, Proposed Amendments to House Bill 2278, dated 3/4/91.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

MOTION: REP. DWYER: Moves House Bill 2278 as amended to the Committee on Ways and Means with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: The motion carries unanimously.

WORK SESSION ON HOUSE BILL 2328

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Opens the Work Session.

067 BETH PATRINO: Describes the bill.

-The relating to clause is not broad enough to remove the sunset review.

-The House Committee on Business and Consumer Affairs has a bill with an appropriate sunset clause.

-If the committee is interested, she will talk to that committee about putting an amendment on the other bill.

079 REP. VANLEEUEWEN: What was the amendment?

BETH PATRINO: That this particular program would not be subject to sunset review.

083 REP. DWYER: The sunset review is beneficial to justify the continued existence of the program.

-The bill is fine the way it is.

092 MOTION: REP. JOSI: Moves House Bill 2328 to the Floor of the House with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: The motion carries unanimously.

CARRIER: REP. JOSI.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Is there any further discussion on the sunset? 103

REP. DOMINY: Concurs with REP. DWYER.

REP. JOSI: Concurs.

WORK SESSION ON HOUSE BILL 2329

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Opens the Work Session.

BETH PATRINO: Describes the bill.

112 MOTION: REP. DOMINY: Moves House Bill 2329 to the Floor of the House with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: The motion carries unanimously.

CARRIER: REP. VANLEEUEWEN.

WORK SESSION ON HOUSE BILL 2330

Witness: Phil Ward, Assistant Director, Department of Agriculture

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Opens the Work Session.

BETH PATRINO: Describes the bill

129 REP. DWYER: Something is wrong with this bill.

-We've given people a lifetime license and now we're saying they have to pay every two years for a lifetime license.

-He will not support the bill.

REP. JOSI: This bill cleans up the records.

-From the testimony we had, there are a number of inactive people who carry a license.

-The licensees will not be paying the fee it will be the employers.

-The fee is not a substantial amount of money.

REP. DWYER: There are other ways to clean up the books. That's an admirable goal, but this not the vehicle.

157 REP. DOMINY: There has to be a better way than charging \$50 to clean up the books.

-He does not support the bill.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: PHIL WARD, refresh our memories on the number of licensees and the number that might be active. 166 PHIL WARD, Assistant Director, Department of Agriculture: Believes there are currently 300 people licensed and that it would drop to about 75; a substantial drop.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Would it be appropriate to send a registered letter to each licensee, saying that if you do not hear from them by a certain date they are no longer licensed?

REP. DWYER: Whether or not they are active is of no consequence.

-The department knows who is active.

REP. JOSI: Is there a problem to carry these pasturizers on the books. Do they cause a burden on the system?

WARD: Not a great burden.

-We're hoping to get our licensed programs on the same footing within the division.

-This is the only lifetime license remaining.

-This is not a great cost if it remains.

REP. JOSI: This is not a big thing. It is \$25 a year. It is not monumental.

221 REP. NORRIS: Refers to page 1, lines 30 and 31.

-Will the department notify the current lincense holders that unless they renew their license by June 30, 1992 they will no longer be licensed?

WARD: That would be the course of action.

REP. NORRIS: That would be a less coersive action.

233 REP. VANLEEUEWEN: You won't do anything to require them to get a new license?

WARD: There is no testing requirement.

REP. VANLEEUEWEN: This bill doesn't change anything else?

WARD: Doesn't believe so.

REP. DWYER: When government gives something for a lifetime, he expects it will be for life.

254 REP. DOMINY: We add \$25 a year for individuals who have a lifetime license; in the next 20 years it means \$500.

-This is an injustice and he can't support it.

268 MOTION: REP. JOSI: Moves House Bill 2330 to Ways and Means with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: The motion fails 4 to 3.

AYE: REP. JOSI, REP. MEEK, REP. NORRIS.

NAY: REP. DOMINY, REP. DWYER, REP. VANLEEUEWEN, REP. SCHROEDER.

288 CHAIR SCHROEDER: Serves notice of possible reconsideration.

WORK SESSION ON HOUSE BILL 2322 -- EXHIBIT C

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Opens the Work Session.

BETH PATRINO: Describes the bill.

-She describes the amendments (EXHIBIT C).

316 REP. DWYER: We have two amendments?

PATRINO: All the amendments were incorporated into the -2 amendments.

328 MOTION: REP. DWYER: Moves HB 2322-2, Proposed Amendments to House Bill 232 2, dated 3/5/91.

335 REP. DOMINY: Why did we add corporations?

REP. DWYER: Family corporations.

337 REP. MEEK: Closely held corporations from 5 acres to 2,000 acres.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: It doesn't include large corporations.

-There are many families who have incorporated for tax purposes.

REP. DOMINY: Are we talking about the total acres or a specific piece of land?

CHAIR SCHROEDER: We're talking about their total holdings.

REP. MEEK: Five acres or more, but not more than 2,000 acres.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: My understanding is we're talking about one ownership of no more than 2,000 acres and a corporation of no more than 5,000 acres.

-Hearing no objection the motion passes.

371 MOTION: REP. MEEK: Moves House Bill 2322 as amendmended to the Committee on Revenue and School Finance with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: The motion carries unanimously.

CHAIR SCHROEDER: Adjourns at 8:45 A.M.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Draft Joint Memorial - Rep. Meek - 1 page B - Amendments  
and hand-engrossed HB 2278 - Staff - 2 pages C - Amendments and  
hand-engrossed HB 2322 - Staff - 4 pages