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2003 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HB 1130

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1130

House Agriculture Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1---16---03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
ONE	A		9.0 TO 23
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Upton</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: We will open the hearing on HB 1130. We will take testimony in favor of Bill.

WAYNE CARLSON: Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. For the record my name is Wayne Carlson. I am the Livestock Services Coordinator for the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. {{{JEFF READ HIS TESTIMONY WHICH IS ATTACHED}}} Mr. Chairman, I do urge a DO PASS on HB 1130.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any questions of Wayne? Representative Belter.

REP. BELTER : How many of these custom exempt plants are there?

JEFF CARLSON: Close to one hundred. The are being inspected by us at the present time. We, like I said in testimony, inspect them four times a year. This Bill gives us the authority to do it.

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REP. BELTER : If we don't pass this Bill we would be in violation and it would end the program.

WAYNE CARLSON: Prior to our inspection plan the plants were being inspected by the US Department of Agriculture. When we started a state inspection program the Fed's discontinued there inspection program. There would be no Federal Inspection if we pass this Bill.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS : Any other questions. Anyone else wishing to offer testimony in support of HB 1130? Anyone here wishing to oppose this Bill?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: The House will entertain a motion on HB 1130.

REPRESENTATIVE ONSTAD MOVED FOR A DO PASS ON HB 1130.

REPRESENTATIVE BOE SECONDED THE MOTION..

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? The clerk will take the roll.

HB 1130 THERE WERE 12 YES 0 NO 1 ABSENT

REPRESENTATIVE BOE DID FLOOR ASSIGNMENT

CLOSED ON HB 1130

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HB 1130
1-16-03

Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

House AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken

DO PASS

Motion Made By

ONSTAD

Seconded By

BOE

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS	✓				
VICE CHAIRMAN POLLERT	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE BELTER	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE BOEHNING	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE KELSCH	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE KINGSBURY	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE KREIDT	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE UGLEM	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE WRANGHAM	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE BOE	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE FROELICH	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE MUELLER	✓				
REPRESENTATIVE ONSTAD	✓				

Total (Yes)

12

No

0

Absent

1

Floor Assignment

BOE

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 16, 2003 2:18 p.m.

Module No: HR-07-0681
Carrier: Boe
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1130: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1130 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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HR-07-0681

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2003 SENATE AGRICULTURE

HB 1130

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1130

Senate Agriculture Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02/27/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
4	1		33 - 963
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Chairman Flakoll opened the hearing on HB 1130 at 2:00 PM. All members were present.

Chairman Flakoll noted that Dr. Grondahl was ready to testify this morning at the scheduled time but the hearing on HB 1396 ran long. She is unable to attend this afternoon but has submitted written testimony and has sent someone in her place.

Jordan Woodbury, Senior Meat Inspector for the North Dakota Meat Inspection Program, testified in favor of the bill (written testimony by Dr. Andrea Grondahl, State Meat Inspection Director, North Dakota Department of Agriculture)

Senator Klein asked even though the inspection requirement hasn't been in the law, have you been doing it anyway?

Mr. Woodbury said yes.

Senator Klein asked if inspection has been done by the Meat Inspection Program or by the Health Department?

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Mr. Woodbury said it has been done by the Meat Inspection Program.

Senator Klein asked if they inspect sanitary standards, not the kills?

Mr. Woodbury said yes they observe the facility for sanitary conditions and they also look at carcasses to be sure they are handled in a sanitary manner.

Senator Urlacher asked if the health department also inspects these sites?

Mr. Woodbury said they have formed a memorandum of understanding with the health department. If a facility is strictly meat products retail, the meat inspection program is the only inspector of that facility.

Senator Erbele asked if this inspection is anything new?

Mr. Woodbury said the inspections have been ongoing since October, 2000, since the beginning of the program.

Senator Klein asked why additional personnel might be needed?

Mr. Woodbury said as more plants are added to the program, more inspectors are needed.

Senator Klein asked if there is a cost to the processor for the inspection?

Mr. Woodbury said their services are free unless overtime is necessary.

Terry Schantz, owner of a meat market, testified in favor of the bill. He said this bill will make it very clear who is in charge of inspecting the facility.

Senator Klein asked if everything is working out with the meat inspection program?

Mr. Schantz said its working out fine. He wished they wouldn't have had to adopt all the federal guidelines.

Chairman Flakoll closed the hearing on HB 1130.

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It was moved by Senator Klein, seconded by Senator Erbele, and passed on a roll call vote that the Senate Agriculture Committee take a Do Pass action on HB 1130. Voting yes were Senator Flakoll, Senator Erbele, Senator Klein, Senator Urlacher, Senator Nichols, and Senator Seymour.

There were no negative votes cast. Senator Klein will carry the bill to the floor.

Chairman Flakoll adjourned the meeting of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

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Date: 2/27/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1130

Senate Agriculture Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen Klein Seconded By Sen Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Flakoll, Chairman	✓		Senator Nichols	✓	
Senator Erbele, Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Seymour	✓	
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Klein

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 27, 2003 3:38 p.m.

Module No: SR-35-3628
Carrier: Klein
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1130: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Flakoll, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1130 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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SR-35-3628

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2003 TESTIMONY

HB 1130

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**Testimony of Wayne R. Carlson
Livestock Services Coordinator
North Dakota Department of Agriculture
House Bill 1130
Agriculture Committee
Peace Garden Room
January 16, 2003**

Chairman Nicholas and Committee members, for the record, my name is Wayne Carlson. I am the Livestock Service Coordinator for the Department of Agriculture. I am here to testify in support of House Bill 1130.

The state meat inspection program was authorized by the 1999 Legislature, approved of by USDA and implemented in October, 2000. The Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) allows individual states to develop meat and/or poultry programs after the designated state demonstrates that it has enacted laws that impose mandatory ante mortem and post mortem inspection, reinspection and sanitation requirements that are at least equal to those in the FMIA. The original bill to create a state program, which is now the current meat inspection law, neglected to impose the sanitation requirements for custom exempt plants as required by federal law.

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I will briefly describe the types of plants our staff inspects to give you a better understanding of what we are requesting. The program is responsible for oversight of two types of meat processing plants, official state establishments or "state inspected" plants and custom exempt establishments.

State-inspected packers and processors can sell their products to consumers, restaurants, grocery stores and other retailers within the state. State inspectors provide onsite inspections during slaughter and processing. Inspections are required to be as stringent as USDA inspections.

Custom-exempt plants are businesses that can slaughter animals and process meat for a producer or consumer who owns the animal. They also can process game for hunters. The meat is for the original animal's owner use only and must be stamped "Not for Sale." They cannot slaughter and sell the meat. However, they can purchase USDA or state-inspected meat for resale. They are inspected quarterly for facility and sanitation requirements and no inspection is required at slaughter.

The Department of Agriculture is submitting this bill to clarify the authority for the inspection of custom exempt plants. The current law, as written, mistakenly exempts custom processors from any laws or regulations under this chapter. The original intent of this section of the law was to exempt custom processors only from the inspection of the actual slaughter and processing activities, not the sanitation and facility requirements. This authority is necessary to ensure meat processors are operating in a sanitary manner and to continue operating a state meat inspection program.

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Mr. Chairman and committee members, I urge a do pass on House Bill 1130. If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

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**Testimony of Dr. Andrea Grondahl
State Meat Inspection Director
North Dakota Department of Agriculture
House Bill 1130
Senate Agriculture Committee
Brynhild Haugland Room
February 27, 2003**

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