

ND Ag Coalition Proposed Action Item

The following motion will be introduced by the _____ (organization) at the next meeting of the North Dakota Ag Coalition:

I move that the ND Ag Coalition (support/oppose) the following initiative/bill/measure:

(initiative/bill/measure)

Respectfully submitted by:

Name:

Ag Coalition member organization:

Date:

* The proposed action item must be sent seven days before the next scheduled meeting (email jaaseth@clearwatercommunications.net, fax - 701-223-4645, mail - PO Box 1091, Bismarck, ND 58502).

* The person and/or organization submitting the motion must be present at the next meeting of the Ag Coalition to officially introduce the motion.

PROCEDURES of the NORTH DAKOTA AG COALITION, complementary and in addition to the bylaws:

SUBMISSION OF ACTION ITEMS

A. Submitting Proposals:

- a. Proposals on issues must be sponsored and introduced or presented by an AG COALITION member.
- b. Proposals should be submitted in writing, in resolution or motion form, to the Chief Executive at least seven (7) days prior to a regularly scheduled or special meeting.
- c. The proposal will be distributed to the AG COALITION membership prior to the meeting to allow for additional information gathering on the issue. In the event of a proposal requiring immediate action, the proposal may be voted on electronically or via conference call in order to be placed on the agenda as a Policy Action Item at the next regularly scheduled or special meeting.
- d. The proposed issues will be placed on the next AG COALITION meeting agenda as a Proposed Action Item.

B. Process for Setting Policy:

- a. Upon receiving a majority of the votes by general members at the initial meeting, the Proposed Action Item will be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled AG COALITION meeting as a Policy Action Item.
- b. Policy Action Items will be voted on by ballots with columns labeled "yes," "no" and "abstain." An **abstain** vote counts as a **no** vote due to the required 75 percent affirmative vote. If a member is uncomfortable with this policy on an issue, it is suggested that a motion be made to table the proposal until further information can be gathered on the issue.
- c. If a proposal fails by at least 75 percent negative vote, a motion may be made and voted upon for the Coalition to take an opposing position on the issue.
- d. The Policy Action Item becomes AG COALITION policy upon receiving an affirmative vote by 75 percent of the general members in attendance at that regularly called or special meeting.